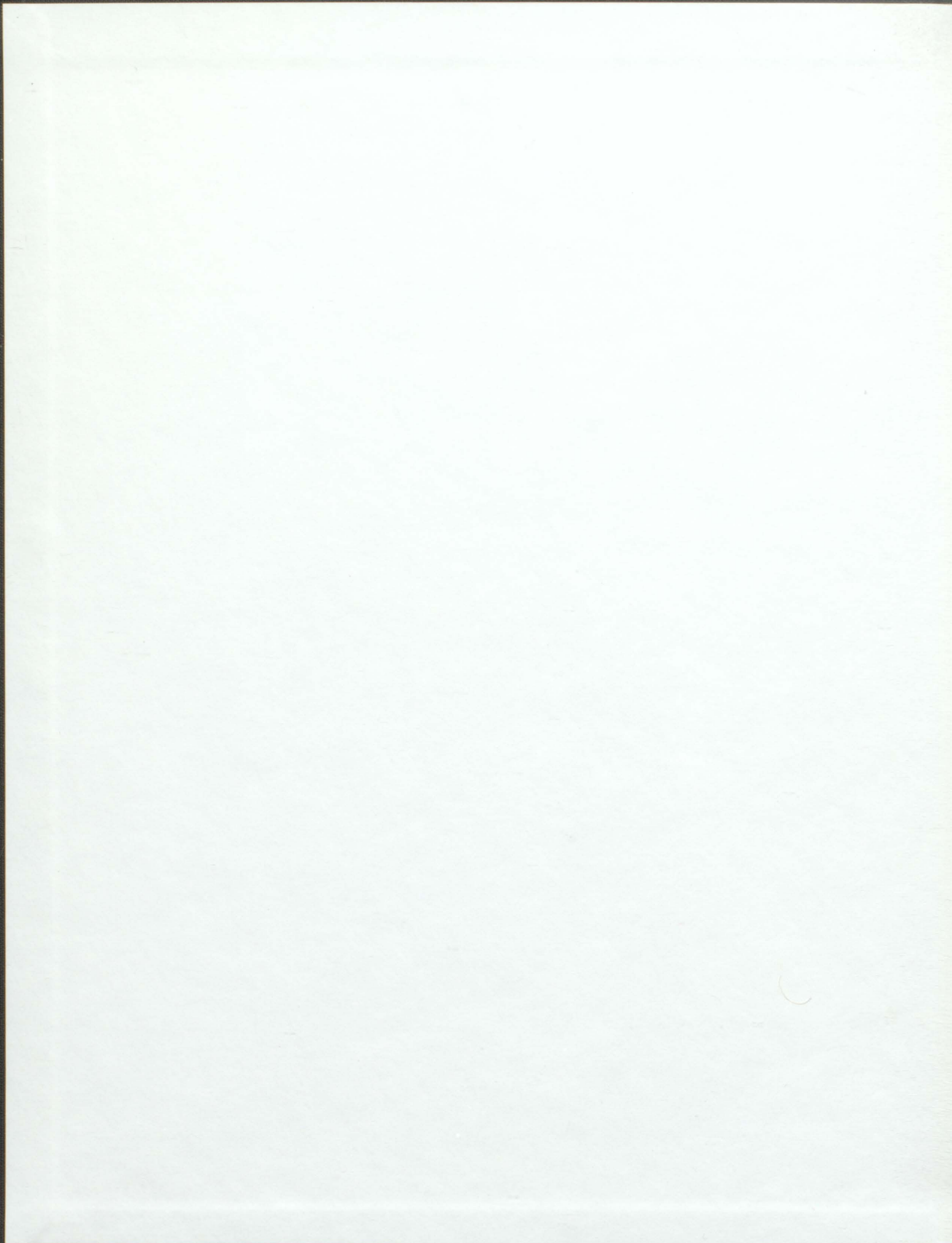


**ONE**  
*last* **SHOT**















# Creating ONE Book

Behind the scenes  
with the editors



**Kinsey:** "I wanted to be an editor because I wanted our book to look good. I wanted it to be something people would want to spend money on. From the moment I joined staff, I loved it. Designing pages is one of my favorite things to do. I am so glad I've gotten to have this experience, it's my favorite class and one of my favorite things to do."

**Sierra:** "I wanted to be an editor again this year because last year I had a blast being one. Not only was it a great experience designing the pages, but getting to meet new staff members and seeing their designs as well. I'm glad I got a chance to experience being an editor and I wish good luck upon editors in the future."

## Sierra Goodson



**Grade:** Senior

*Favorite Color:* Zebra Print

*Activities:* Cheerleading, Student Council, Honor Roll

*Fears:* Spiders

**Random Facts:** Always brings cheese dip. Tongue Pierced. Two Tattoos.

## Kinsey Van Houten



**Grade:** Senior

*Favorite Colors:* Orange and Yellow

*Activities:* Softball, Volleyball, Cheerleading, Bowling, Basketball Managing, NHS, NCYL, Student Council, Honor Roll

*Fears:* Spiders, Heights, Surgery, Change

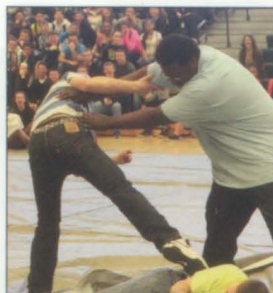
**Random Facts:** Shares a birthday with Justin Bieber. Owns five pillow pets.



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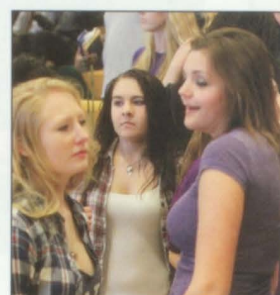


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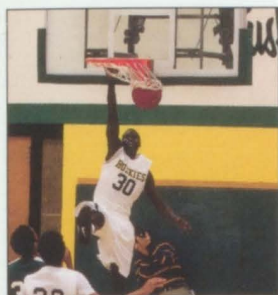


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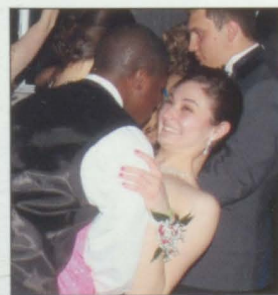
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Monday - zoo day  
 Tuesday - super hero  
 Wednesday - class  
 Thursday - jersey  
 Friday - SPIRIT

Turn in play  
 extra credit!

# TUDENT

Winter Formal  
 dress jewelry  
 shoes makeup  
 date hair



Homecoming  
~~dress~~ jewelry  
~~shoes~~ makeup  
~~date~~ hair

"(I dressed up for spirit week) because I wanted to make our class look good."  
 -Senior Tai Lun

# IFE



REMEMBER:  
 iron man and  
 powder puff shirt  
 money



# Together to Become ONE

Enough spirit to try for a win



Santos Garcia Photo

Homecoming Week\_Kristina Ryan and Yumeka Morimoto



## MONDAY- ZOO DAY

Senior Katie Steingrobe poses as a peacock for Zoo Day.



Senior Mahogany Stanton (left) talks with a friend as she dresses up as Christmas Spirit on Hero Day.



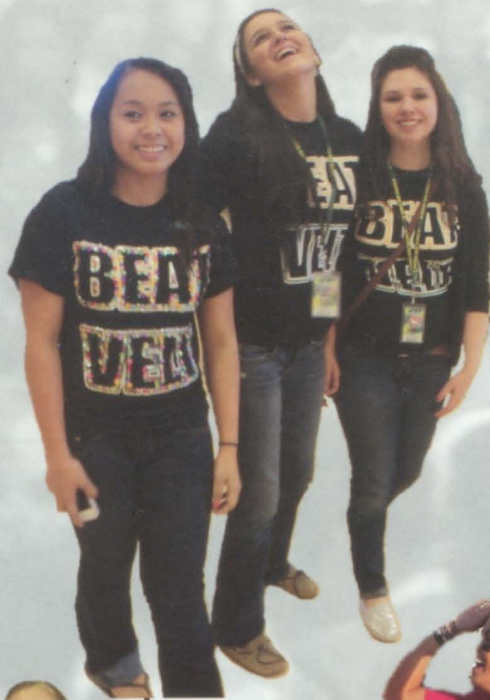
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## WEDNESDAY-CLASS DAY

A group of seniors gather for a picture on Class Day. Seniors wore togas, juniors participated in Disney day, sophomores had mis-match day and the freshmen had twin day.

## TUESDAY-HERO DAY





Senior Trey McIntosh thinks that dressing up during homecoming week is a fantastic way to show spirit; he thinks that it shows a lot of character.

"It allows you to walk through school and see how many people believe in something," McIntosh said. Homecoming week, or Spirit Week, as it is sometimes called, is a week when each day is a different day to dress up and be silly, all leading up to the big game Friday.

"Whenever Homecoming week comes around, it's very hyper and cheerful. You get to see lots of happy faces," McIntosh said.

Although some people always dress up for Homecoming week, others choose not too.

"It's not that I don't have spirit for dressing up, it's just that I don't care," junior Owen Geiken said.

Others have said that they don't have the time or money to prepare for each day of homecoming week.

"Hoover definitely has spirit; Andrew Gamble took off his shirt at the assembly," Geiken said.

"The more crazy the day, the more likely people will dress up," freshman Dominique

Mullins said.

Mullins said she will dress up when homecoming week comes around. Every year on game day, we have a pep assembly to get everyone up and going for the game.

"I am really looking forward to toga day. It's pretty awesome to come to school in a skirt," McIntosh said.

"I dress up a lot less than most people," Geiken said.

McIntosh would agree with that comment as well. Spirit Week is something some people always look forward to, and others don't even realize it is happening.

McIntosh doesn't usually dress up, but he can see the hype in it.

"I could definitely give Hoover some spirit credentials, there is lots of excitement, and everyone seems like they enjoy Homecoming week," McIntosh said.

He always enjoys homecoming week, but prefers to be an onlooker.

"If Hoover could trade our spirit points for our football points, we'd have the best football team in the region," he said.

## FRIDAY-SPIRIT DAY

Senior Armin Mesinovic, sophomore Andrew Gamble and other students (below) show their school spirit by wearing green and gold.

Santos Garcia Photo



Homecoming week Kristina Ryan and Yumeka Morimoto



## THURSDAY- JERSEY DAY

Senior panderpuff girls get pumped for the game.



# 3, 2, ONE Blast Off

President of Student Council (StuCo) senior Katie Steingrabe sits and thinks,

"If Homecoming doesn't go right, it's on my shoulders," she said.

StuCo is in charge of the entire Homecoming dance and there is a list of things that needs to be done.

"It's insane what all has to be done," Steingrabe said.

Steingrabe keeps a notebook of all the things that StuCo is in charge of.

"(Buy) decorations, find a DJ, get karaoke, pictures, set up everything," StuCo secretary junior Marquise Gwenigale said.

Sometimes there are setbacks to getting things done.

"One time I was trying to order sashes and Kinsey was trying to order T-shirts and Ms. Debby accused us of puff puff passing," Steingrabe said.

The accusations lead to the girls being pulled out of class and sniffed for marijuana. Although they were clean, both girls still had to drop what they were doing.

The theme is *Escape to Space* and Steingrabe, Gwenigale and senior representative Connor Cunningham are all really excited about it.

"It's really original and different," Steingrabe said.

StuCo is making a few changes to the way they usually do things for the homecoming dance. Steingrabe looked for a better DJ with specific music for the dance. Cunningham is looking to improve attendance,

"We tried group rate charges \$8 instead of \$10," he said.

Gwenigale wants to improve the organization (in StuCo),

"It's so stressful but, no matter what it gets done," she said.

Although StuCo is looking to make improvements, they all agree on one thing,

"It's up to everyone else whether they want to have fun or not," Gwenigale said.

"We give everything we have and everyone complains. People go with negative attitudes but you need to go with positive attitudes," Steingrabe said.

StuCo works on the dance every

class period and the Saturday morning before the dance.

Cunningham is looking forward to seeing what it looks like.

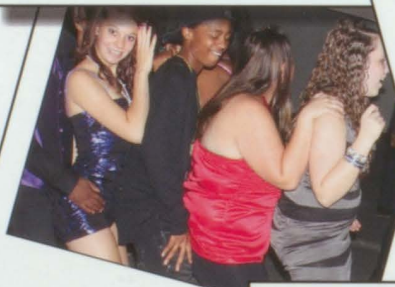
"Does it look like the plan or is it different?" Cunningham said.

However, Cunningham is dreading cleaning up the next day.

"(Students) can be messy. People tear things down and pop balloons," he said.



Senior Haley Scaniers



Seniors Zach Doyle and Jenna Wilson



Senior Nick Clark



Juniors Emina Kavadovic, Viera Nguyen, Erin Dungan and Kacy Murray



Sophomores Rebecca Jasse and Myleka Fox, junior Audrey Lemke and sophomore Tayler Sibert (above) form a dance train.



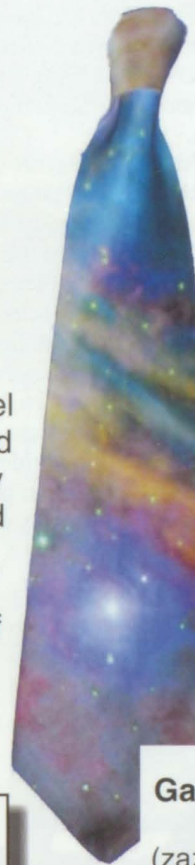
Junior Kayli Flynn and seniors Breanna Rodriguez and Edna Smith (top) dance to *Cupid Shuffle*. Jay Jacobson (middle) sings *Don't Stop Believing*. Seniors Cody Pifer and Armin Mesinovic (bottom) dance with juniors Taylor Ross and Taylor Blackford.

# What did **you** wear?



Sophomore  
Jasmine  
Carter

**Silver Dress**  
\$50  
(aliexpress.com)

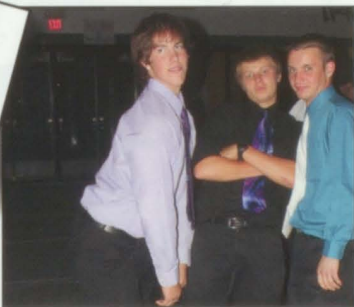


**Galaxy Tie**  
\$42  
(zazzle.com)



Senior  
Hyrum  
Torres

Senior Daniel Peterson and juniors Ricky Cochran and Max Lindstrom (left) goof off for the camera.



Sophomore Austin Levan



# Trying to avoid the BIG

Coaches discourage their players to go out and play to avoid injury.

# ONE

Head volleyball coach Jonathan Rubino has mixed emotions to whether or not he should let his players participate in the annual Homecoming Powder Puff game.

"It's a tradition, of course; I want them to be a part of it," Rubino said.

Coaching volleyball for eight years, Rubino always had a thought about Powder Puff. "Don't get hurt," was the phrase that went through Rubino's head throughout the whole game.

Although Rubino understands the girls want to be a part of the game he also has concerns.

"Use good judgment and don't dedicate everything; no one will remember who won this game four years from now," Rubino said.

Even if no one will remember it, everyone wants their bragging rights. This is high school and no one wants to be outdone.

"I prefer they don't go out and play but I won't say no; I don't want them to miss out." Rubino said.

Many things can happen, injuries being the number one concern.

"Four years ago I had a student dislocate a finger; she was out the whole season. It only makes it that much harder on the team, because you don't have much depth; you can't afford to lose players," Rubino said.

Apart from the injuries, Powder Puff gets in the way of practice as well.

"You have to have a priority and commitment to your school sport: Powder Puff is just one game," Rubino said.

Taking on volleyball and Powder Puff may be hectic but the players don't complain.

"You're an athlete first; you need to be at practice and you need to make it to practice on time. It's a fun idea but there are always risks and I wish it was at a different time but I understand it being a part of homecoming festivities," Rubino said.

Volleyball players understand the girls wanting to go out and play Powder Puff but just like Rubino, they want them to use good judgment and be careful to what they do.

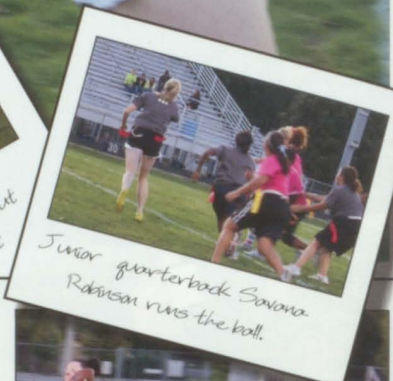
"You have to focus," Rubino said.

"Both games are intense but in volleyball you're every move and point is under micro," he said.

Watching different classes compete and the pride they have for their class is fun but players should know which priority comes first.



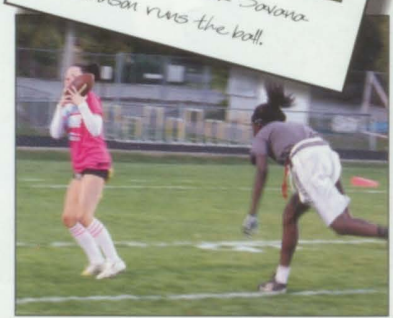
Senior Aliyah Hoskins pushes everything out of her way to get to victory.



Junior quarterback Savana Robinson runs the ball.



Senior Nick Clark does a cheer jump.



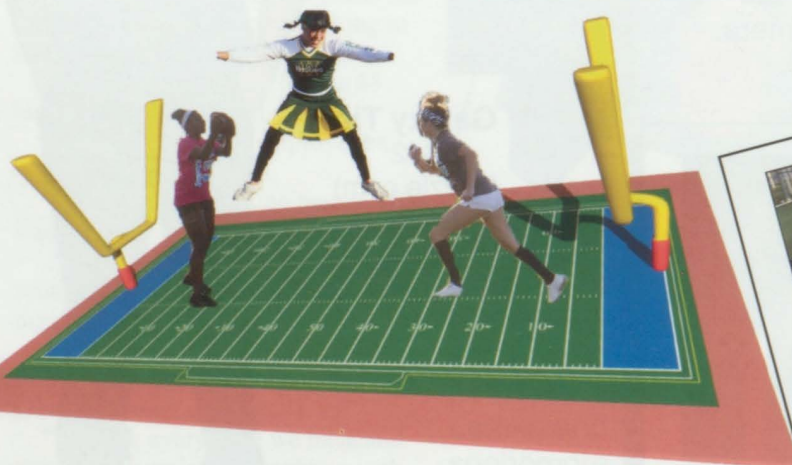
Senior Katie Steingrabe catches a touchdown pass while junior Nyakot Drew tries to get her flag.



Senior Aliyah Hoskins gets pushed out of play.



Senior Holden Clark yells in excitement as the seniors score a touchdown.





**"ONE** man can be a crucial ingredient on a team,  
but **ONE** man cannot make a team" -Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

"The stupidest question I ever asked about volleyball was, 'Where do I stand,'" said senior Cameron Woods with a chuckle.

Woods and senior Loanga "Louie" Ingoli practice with the whole team because they're all good friends.

"The stupidest question I've ever asked was, 'Does it matter how you hit the ball,'" Ingoli said.

Ingoli and Woods think that senior Sunday Doup is the best coach for Iron Man.

"She doesn't take no (BS)." Woods said with a straight face.

The senior boys think they're pumped up to win.

"We ain't going for that losing stuff," Ingoli said.

The boys are already pumped up before they play Ironman, but Ingoli likes to listen to **Waka Flocka Flame**, one of the best according to [hiphopmusicdotcom.com](http://hiphopmusicdotcom.com)

"I like all his songs; he gets me pumped up," Ingoli said.

Woods and Ingoli have been

playing basketball since they were mobile. Ingoli has played football fifth-ninth grade.

Some, including sophomore Terion Farley, alumnus Kourtlin Jackson and Ingoli don't think cheerleading is a sport, but Woods thinks they're all wrong.

"I think it is (a sport), nobody can tell me why it's not a sport," Woods said.

Ingoli and Woods both play weakside in Iron Man. The funniest thing that ever happened to Woods was in his sophomore year when he got slapped with the volleyball by senior Saleem Mirzai.

Ingoli and Woods have both fractured/broken parts of their body. Ingoli has fractured his left ankle during open gym his junior year. Woods has fractured his thumb freshmen year during basketball season, his hip sophomore year, his medial cruciate ligament (MCL-knee) junior year and then his MCL again over last summer.

Woods's grandpa introduced him to sports; Ingoli's mom introduced him to them.

Ingoli's father played college soccer and Woods' mother Crystal played basketball in high school; his father Charles played football. His dad also participated in martial arts.

"He's like a 28-degree black belt," Woods said.

"I'd say my mom has the most influence on me, because she takes care of me," Woods said.

"I'm my own influence I'm what they call a self-motivated person," Ingoli said.

The best way to play is in simple sportswear according to Woods, but not Ingoli. According to Woods all you need is the basics for success.

"I'm going to wear a small shirt, cut the sleeves, just so I can show off my tattoos," Ingoli said.



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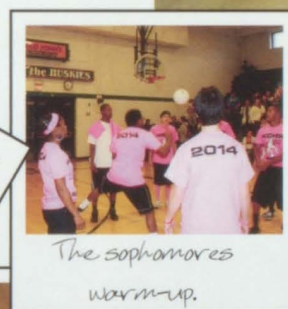
Senior Dwight Sistrunk spikes.

The freshmen fight over a ball



The juniors huddle.

The senior team.



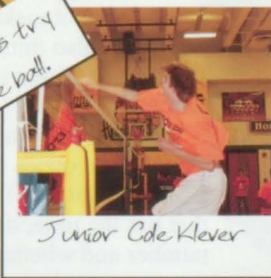
The sophomores warm-up.



Senior Jordan Provost



The sophomores try to find the ball.



Junior Cole Klover

Cameron **"Cam"** Woods



**AMBITION:  
TO BE SUCCESSFUL**



Senior Bao Nguyen pauses to give us his "serious" face in the crowd.

Iron Man\_Kahdjoia Love 11



# New Renovations, New Rules

# ONE School

The new girls bathroom (below and right) is one of the many things that is new. It is in the student center near the cafeteria.



Renovations\_Briana Johnson

The sophomores expected high school to be very fun and different from middle school, but what they didn't know is they had another thing coming. Their freshman year may have been everything they dreamed of, but when their next year came, it was like a "lock down" because of the new rules.

With the schools new rules and regulations they were starting to second guess it.

Sophomore Bethaney Wildt feels like she is on lockdown because she has to wear a student ID badge during school.

All Des Moines Public Schools high school students have to wear student ID badges during school, to prevent intruders from coming into the school. But not everyone looks at it as safety; Wildt thinks it makes our school stricter. But Wildt also thinks it has a positive side, which is that it helps improve tardiness.

If students are tardy, before they go to class, in the office is a scanner that will scan their student ID and print out a pass that has the time, date, student ID number and whether or not the tardy is

excused.

The school also has benefitted from new renovations, including the cafeteria, main office, bathroom and the new Technology Learning Center, which replaced the former library and is shared with Meredith Middle school.

The new renovations seem to make some students look at the school in a better way.

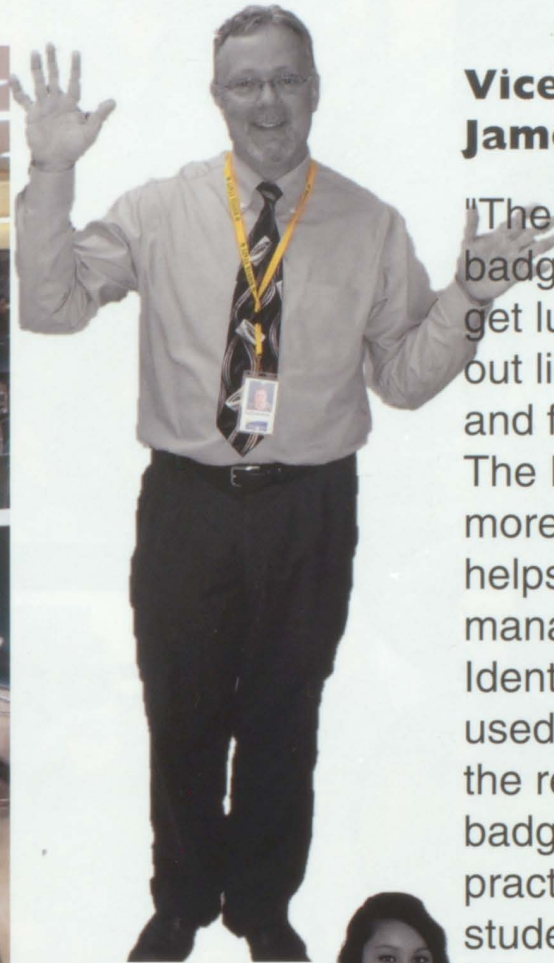
"I don't think Hoover is as ghetto as it was before we got the renovations," Wildt said.



# Lockdown or Safety?



The main office (above left) has also changed with the renovations. It is in a new location. It is much more convenient because now all of the offices are in one main area. The cafeteria (above) has also changed a lot. It is now very open (with no walls) which makes it easily accessible, and easy for staff to supervise. There is also seating available in the student center outside the lunch room during the lunch period.



**Vice Principal  
James Badger**

"The new ID badges are used to get lunch, to check out library books and for tardy slips. The ID badges are more efficient and helps with student management. Identification is used everywhere in the real world. ID badges are good practice for students to prepare for the real world."



**Sophomore  
Brenda Calderon**

"I don't really mind the ID badges, but it does get a little irritating when teachers make a big deal about not wearing them."





# Student of All Seasons



## Recognition for the other ONES

Senior students get recognized for more than just popularity

Many students believe Student Of All Seasons (SOAS) is a great opportunity for students to get the chance to be recognized and rewarded for their outstanding achievements.

Seniors Michael Bredbeck, Dwight Sistrunk, Cody Pifer, Jordan Provost and Sunday Duop were all named as a Student Of All Seasons winner.

Not everyone would define SOAS the same; students view SOAS differently.

Senior Michelle Tran describes SOAS as, "A way for the student body to recognize their peers for their certain activities."

Tran was nominated from the drama department by drama teacher Emily Griffin.

"She (Griffin) was new this year but I like her a lot; she's a good teacher," Tran said.

Some students feel SOAS was based on

a popularity contest. Sistrunk, nominated for athletics, believes that teachers should have voted instead of students.

"It would have been fairer for the students," Sistrunk said.

Tran also agrees with Sistrunk.

"To be honest, it was just a popularity contest. But it also felt good to be recognized," Tran said.

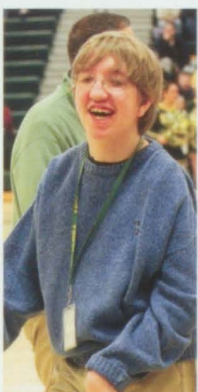
Senior Jordan Provost was also nominated for athletics.

"It's difficult to be successful in both school and sports, but its not impossible. It takes plenty of focus and dedication to be a well rounded student," Provost said.

Provost shows commitment on and off the court, showing leadership to his peers.

"This means a lot to me because I want to make a mark at Hoover the best way I can so that people can look up to me for years to come," Sistrunk said.





Above from left to right:  
Senior Matt Andorf  
shakes Student Council  
sponsor Kirk Stevens'  
hand. Senior Michael  
Bredbeck walks across  
the gym to his seat.  
Senior Merissa  
Lengeling shakes  
Stevens' hand. Senior  
Jordan Provost hugs  
his mom. Senior Amber  
Gaumer waits for her  
name to be called.  
Senior Michelle Tran  
shakes Stevens' hand.  
Senior Samuel  
Bourland sits waiting for  
the results of SOAS.



*Senior Students of All Seasons winners Michael Bredbeck, Sunday Duop,  
Jordan Provost, Dwight Sistrunk and Cody Pifer.*



# ★ ONE Last Act

## Drama department goes **KILLER!**

The drama department has great history, from all the infamous plays from romance to tragedy. Now, the drama department has been undergoing dramatic changes.

Last year, former director Chelsea Cunningham resigned. This minor setback left the drama department behind schedule. For years, they have always began getting ready for plays in the summer, and casting calls during the first week of school.

However, everything was delayed, with the play having a late start. Even though that was a huge setback, it did not bring down the school's new director and drama teacher Emily Griffin one bit.

Griffin was hired the last month of summer. She came into school with a lot on her plate.

"No one really gets how hard my job is," Griffin said.

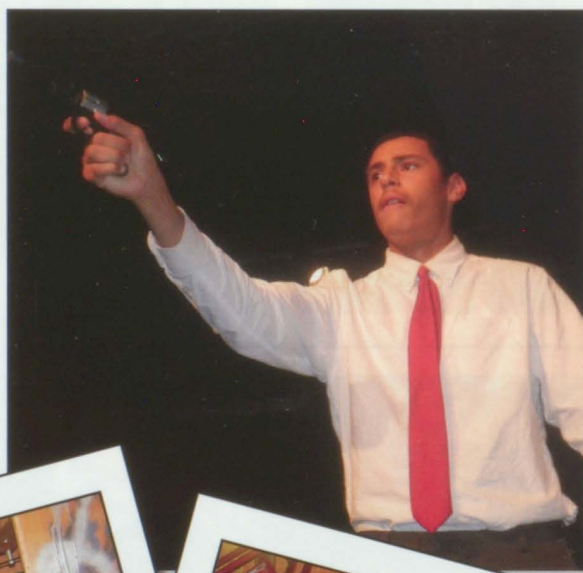
She had to come up with a new drama curriculum, deal with new tech equipment and a new musical theater program. She proved people who were in doubt wrong. "I actually like

Ms. Griffin more than I liked Ms. Cunningham," said sophomore Jasmine Carter. The production *Rehearsal for Murder* received a standing ovation, but the cast felt like they could of sell more. The crowd filled up the auditorium in anticipation on seeing how well the production would be.



Junior Smantha Robinson, senior Trey McIntosh and sophomore Larry Crane (above) are in the middle of a key scene during the play *Rehearsal for Murder*.

McIntosh (left) shoots during one of the scenes. This was McIntosh's first lead role in a production.



The tech stuff "backstage".



The entrance to the light loft

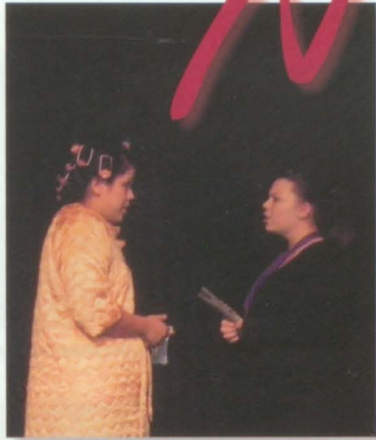


The motto the department lives by.



# Rehearsal For Murder.

Sophomore Sydney Allen talks to freshman Dominique Mullins (right) during *Rehearsal for Murder*. The cast (below) sit around in Act Two of the play.



## ★ Star Bio With Sydney Allen



Sophomores Sydney Allen and Jaemine Carter

Sydney Allen is a sophomore. She has been involved in the drama department since her freshman year. She is a part of the musical

theater program and also Thespians. She hopes to make her mark here in the drama department.



## BEHIND THE SCENES



The paint room



The light room



The electronics room





Sophomore Nick Black gives the audience a funny face.



Senior Trey McIntosh sees something exciting at the other end of the stage.



Senior Nicholas Clark heads to the middle of the stage.



Comedy Fest crew makes a sign for the 2011 Comedy Fest.

# ONE for all All for ONE!

Sophomore Sydney Allen has a positive opinion on the new teams this year in IHSSA.

"It's an acting and speech competition with all kinds of different categories in drama," Allen said.

Allen made it to state last year and has received all ones for musical theater.

"I love performing, knowing how good you are and getting ratings from the judges, especially if they are good," Allen said.

"It's spectacular, and really fun! It's interesting seeing other schools compete," senior Michelle Tran said.

Even though Allen is a sophomore and Tran is a senior, both are on the varsity team.

"The teams will help. It will give us more of a chance to win and continue the contest with more groups," Tran said.

Allen also thinks that the teams will help the drama department receive more awards.

"It's good, the teams give more opportunity for more people to get involved and this year we have a lot of freshmen," Allen said.

"It's a great idea, we have different levels and it can become more diverse," Tran said.

Not only are the teams new this year but the drama department got a new director as well.

"It's a different perspective now," Allen said.

"It will build our team better," Tran said.

Tran has been in IHSSA all four years of high school, but this is Allen's second year.

"I love acting and the thrill of

competition, its fascinating what you can say and do to entertain people," Allen said.

On the other hand, Tran never pictured herself in drama. All she wanted to do was fill up her schedule freshman year and she got placed in a drama class.

"We all support each other and you create a family, it's all a family aspect," Allen said.

The best part of everything for Allen and Tran would be the day of the competition.

"Hanging out with your teammates, connecting with each other and learning from one another would be the best part. I just wish we had more time to polish our performance," Tran said.

As for Allen, she has the same concern.

"I wish we have more rehearsals, and start earlier. I hate running out of time," Allen said.

A big factor in both girls minds would be that IHSSA helps students open up.

"It boosts your self-esteem," Allen said.

"It definitely helps students open up," Tran said.

Even though IHSSA is a great thing there are a few flaws to it.

"The judges are scary, I get nervous all the time but its okay because it's all family oriented and we all support each other," Tran said.

Allen has the same thoughts.

"I get really nervous, not only do I have to impress the judges but the parents as well; try it out, you will learn a lot of new stuff," Allen said.







Seniors Zachary Brawn and Trey McIntosh make silly poses for the camera.



The crew gathers around to get a picture.



Junior Madison Jones and freshman Abigail Malone pose.



Senior Trey McIntosh and junior Daniel Fritz in the middle of an act.



The crew gathers around to watch Zachary Brawn and Michael Sioris perform an act.

# "Is IHSSA something a lot of people know about?"

## Q & A;

"I think that a lot of people do not, but more should."  
drama teacher  
Emily Griffin

"No, I don't think it is very well known."  
Sydney Allen



**THIS COULD BE YOU!**



Join IHSSA next year!



# ACT ONE

## Drama performed *Urinetown* for spring play

The spring play was the musical *Urinetown* about a town where residents had to pay to use the bathroom. Throughout the play there are two groups: those who are against paying to pee, and those who aren't.

Sophomore Sydney Allen played the lead female role in the play, Hope Cladwell.

"I'm excited for the music, and just that the play is complete nonsense and crazy funny. There will be a lot of different genres of music," Allen said.

Freshman Sean Good agreed.

"I think performing it will excite me the most. I love performing and acting," Good said.

In the play, Good played Tiny Tom.

"He is a main poor person. He's always randomly popping up, and says the right things at the right times. Then he'll all the sudden disappear again for a while," said Good.

"My character is Hope Cladwell. Her father is the owner of the company who charges people to use the bathroom. She ends up falling in love with Bobby Strong, who is against her father's company," Allen said.

Senior Jay Jacobson played the lead male role, Bobby Strong.

"Bobby Strong is my character. He lives on the poor side of town; he helps clean and run public amenities, and make sure people pay. One day his dad refuses to pay and he's sent away and that is when he decides to start the rebellion," Jacobson said.

Jacobson said his least favorite thing about his character is that he is naive at times.

"Also, being the leader gets difficult at times because it's a lot of responsibility," Jacobson said.

"I hope people realize the hard work we put in this. It's a very unknown play but it's really good," Allen said.



Jay and Sydney meet for the first time.



Ami Turay and Larry Crane narrate.

Sophomore Sydney Allen as Hope Cladwell and senior Jay Jacobson as Bobby Strong (right) hold hands while singing *Follow Your Heart*.







The cast takes a bow.



Senior Jay Jacobson gets arrested for rebelling.



Junior Sam Robinson and senior Jay Jacobson argue about paying to go to the bathroom.



# ONE Dance Lost At Sea

New rules such as wearing ID badges and the tardy policy have taken over the school year, but having new rules apply to the way students dance caught some off guard.

Study hall associate Patricia Dunbar took it upon herself to break up students if they were dancing in a way she thought to be inappropriate.

"There's a certain level of morality I would like to see maintained at Hoover High School. I believe our students need to understand that they're better than some of the immorality portrayed on TV and movies," Dunbar said.

Senior DaJon James had a different point of view on the subject.

"People go to dances to have fun and teens dance that way. If they're gonna take that away then there's no point. I felt stupid just jumpin' around," James said.

Junior Shaliyah Ambrose felt mad and disrespected when Dunbar broke up her dancing.

"She pushed me and my sister. I didn't really like that. I thought it was disrespectful.

She could have just told us to get off each other. A teacher shouldn't put their hands on a student regardless," Ambrose said.

Dunbar has her own opinion on how students should dance.

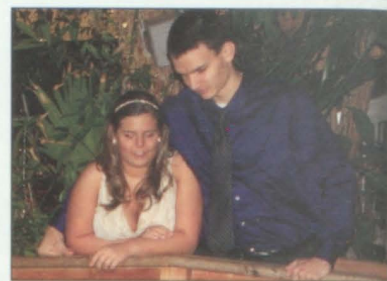
"Students should enjoy themselves but they should understand that people are watching them and their behavior and they are representing Hoover," Dunbar said.

Ambrose doesn't believe students mean to be disrespectful.

"Everybody does it in our generation now. It's not that we're trying to be disrespectful, that's just how we dance," Ambrose said.

"Sometimes when you're doing some things that are wrong, it's helpful to be told you're doing them wrong, otherwise you believe you are doing it right," Dunbar added.

Dunbar hoped the students would understand she wants them to be a good representation of Hoover and she is preparing them to go out in the environment.



*Seniors Jessica Gist and Jordan Provost snuggle up together.*



Seniors Jasmine Russell and Alyxis Beltz (left) dance with sophomores Katie Kendeigh and Alea Blackford. Junior Jacob Scott (right) slow dances with alumni Aliesa Nutting. The couple moves in for a kiss.

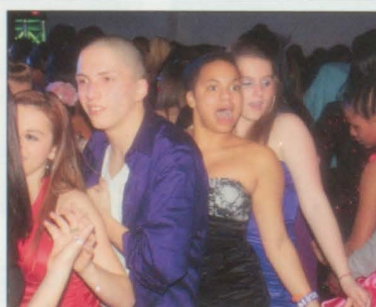
## Shipwreck Island



*Seniors and Juniors gather together in the Botanical Center.*



Seniors Briana Johnson and Jorin Augustine (far left) dance with seniors Jerrica Adair and Haley Sconiers. Sophomores Samara VanWinkle and Andrew Gamble (left) join a dance train with juniors Savannah James and Alicia Chipp. Senior Osha Whitaker, juniors RJ Toliver and Davonte Wiggins and sophomore Kaelen Toliver (upper left) dance with a group of friends.



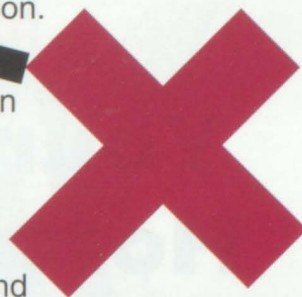


## Lovers Cove



Freshmen Spencer Stoeber and Ethan Babcock (left) slow dance beside freshmen Steven Lewis and Alexis Larson.

Sophomore Peter Tran (below right) break dances in a dance circle. Sophomores Emma Miller and Samara VanWinkle and junior Alicia Chipp (below) dance together.



Sophomore Blake Braun slow dances with Junior Elizabeth Baez.



## Dance Harbor

Freshman Shania Morris (below left) gets her groove on. Seniors Michael Sirois and Trey McIntosh (right) jam out with senior Eric Kallianoff. The students enjoy themselves at the dance.



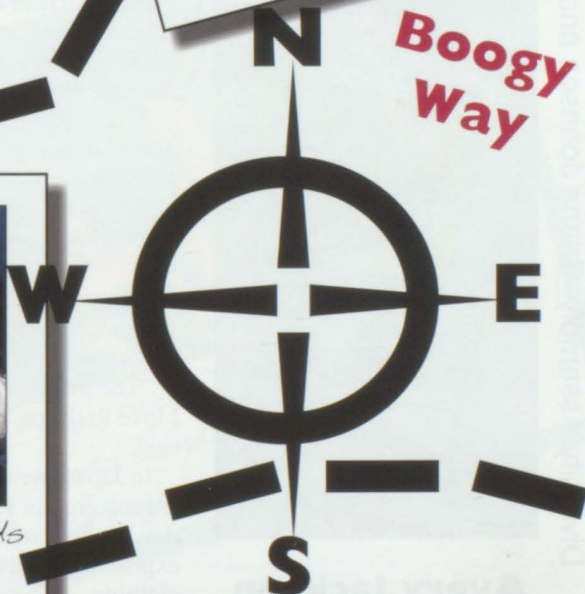
## Boogy Way



Students do the Cupid Shuffle.



Senior Da'Jon James grinds with friends.





# Many Nations, **ONE** School

## Your Hosts



**Nyakat Diew**



**Avery Jackson**



Junior Yumeka Morimoto filled out a form in Japan to come to Iowa to experience how Iowa is different from Japan.

Morimoto is a foreign exchange student. Her experience here has been different from her hometown in Japan but she is honored to have an opportunity like this.

"I like Hoover, but it's very different, I'm glad I did it," Morimoto said.

"My school in Japan doesn't have school dances," Morimoto said.

Hoover has three dances a year, including Prom, and Morimoto attended them all.

"The music was really cool; I love to dance," Morimoto said.

In Japan, wearing uniforms are required in school every day but here students can express themselves through clothing.

Here students are allowed to pick certain topics they want to take as long as they take the required classes, but in Japan there is no option at all.

"Japan is more strict in the classes we take," Morimoto said.

"I talk to my family sometimes; not everyone can be away from their parents like that, I miss them," she said.

She communicates with family and friends at least once a month and misses them.

Japan and Iowa have a 15-hour time difference. Her parents here are different but have similar rules she has to follow, like doing chores and homework.

"I am lucky to be able to do this" she said.

An opportunity like this doesn't come around every day and Morimoto is lucky to get to experience how life functions in another country.







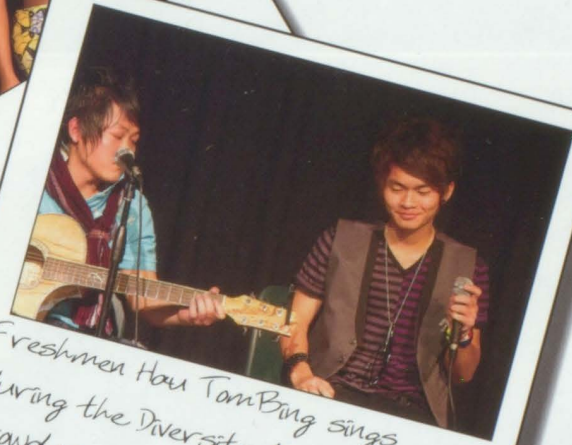
Senior, Hiba Angalo poses for the fashion show during the Diversity Assembly.



Senior Igitego Assiat (right) poses with a friend for the fashion show during the Diversity Assembly. She wore clothing to represent her culture.

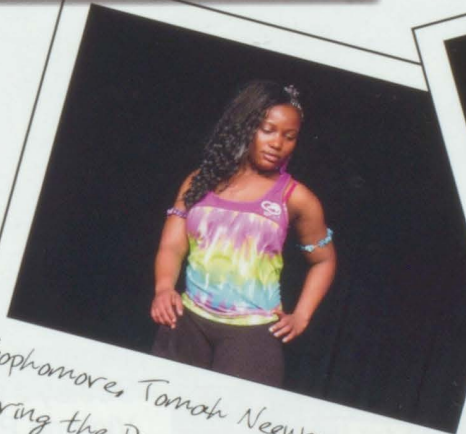


Senior Danyle Bracks sings a solo during the Diversity Assembly.

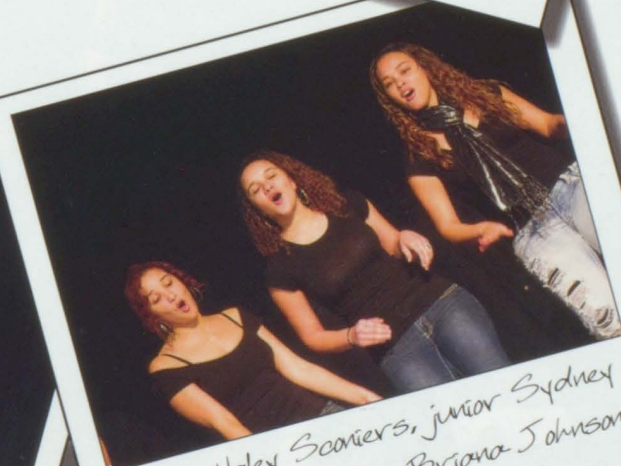


Freshmen Hau Tam and Bing sing during the Diversity Assembly. The crowd went wild.

The Burmese choir (top left) sing during the Diversity Assembly. Nibrar Abdalla (left) poses during the Diversity Assembly.



Sophomore, Tamah Neenawary dances during the Diversity Assembly.



Senior Holey Scariers, junior Sydney Scariers and senior Briana Johnson sing a gospel song.



# Many talents, different people,

## ONE show...



*Your hosts of the show senior Brittney Reed and junior Avery Jackson*

The talent show showcases the numerous talents that students have. It's a time where most can enjoy themselves while watching brave, talented and courageous students get on stage in front of the entire student body.

There were seven acts. They varied between dancing, singing, percussion groups and rock bands. One of the talented students was junior Victoria Penelton, she sang the song *I+I* by the famous singer **Beyonce**.

"I have been singing for as long as I can remember," Penelton said.

There were two hosts of the show, senior Brittney Reed and junior Avery Jackson. They thought this year was a success since there has never been a group of percussionists take the stage and really pump the crowd up.

"It was really nice to see people

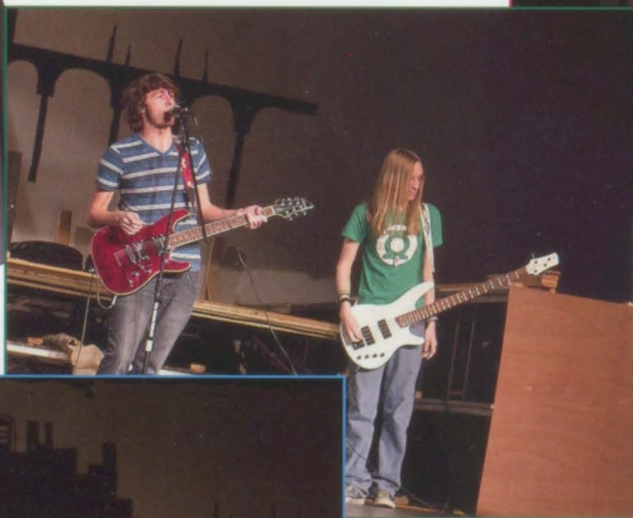
get up there and do something that most of the crowd could enjoy, there were so many talented people up there. It makes me proud to be a Hoover student knowing we have so many talented people attending here," Reed said.

Jackson felt that it was one of his favorite shows he attended.

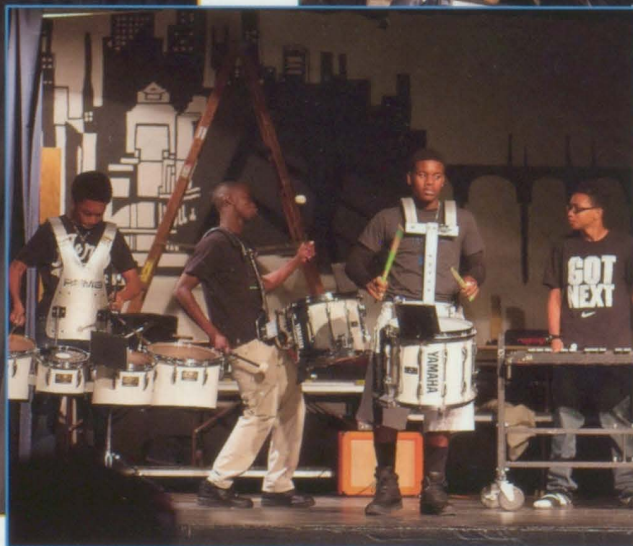
"You have to be really brave to even get on stage and speak in front a crowd of high school students, but to get up there and dance or sing or play an instrument takes real courage," Jackson said.



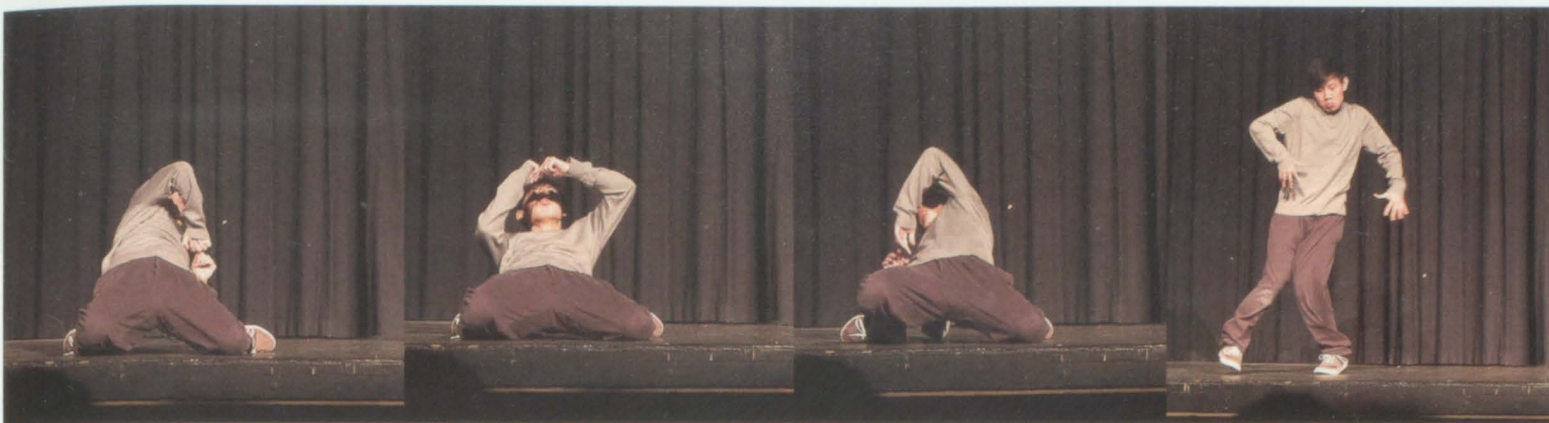
Clockwise from top left: Seniors Briana Johnson, Haley Sconiers and Jerrica Adair and juniors Na Keyia Harris and



Sydney Sconiers perform a dance as the **Mystery Five**. Senior Tanner Seeley and junior Chris Seeley's band performs. Junior Victoria Penelton sings *1+1*. The drumline plays and gets the crowd pumped up. Sophomore Patrick Weaver sings *You've Got It Bad* by **Usher**.







Sophomore Tommy Vuong does several break dancing moves during the talent show.

# HOOVER'S GOT TALENT



Frehmen Matt Hull and Sam Boesen (top left) perform in their band

**STOOPID.** Seniors Jerrica Adair and Briana Johnson, junior Na Keyia Harris, senior Haley Sconiers and junior Sydney Sconiers (top right) pose for a picture. Some of the members of the drumline (bottom left) walk around and play their drums. The **Mystery Five** slides apart during a transition between songs.





# Freshmen





Nibrar Abdalla  
Dontez Adair  
Evian Akers  
Ernestina Alonso  
Richard Alvarenga  
Golda Anaal



Christopher Artwein  
Stephen Artwein  
Erin Atchison  
Thein Aye  
Roberto Baez  
Vinh Banh



Jesscra BarronMiller  
Selma Becirovic  
Michelle Beem  
Mason Bennett  
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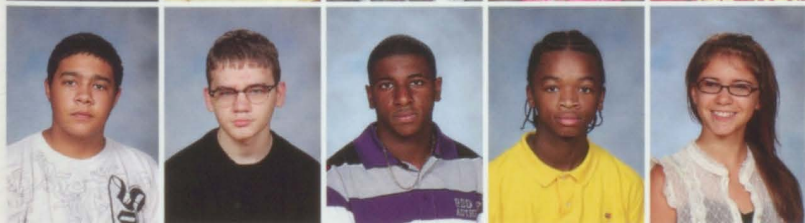
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Mario Cruz Garcia  
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Sydney Dixon



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Renee Elliott



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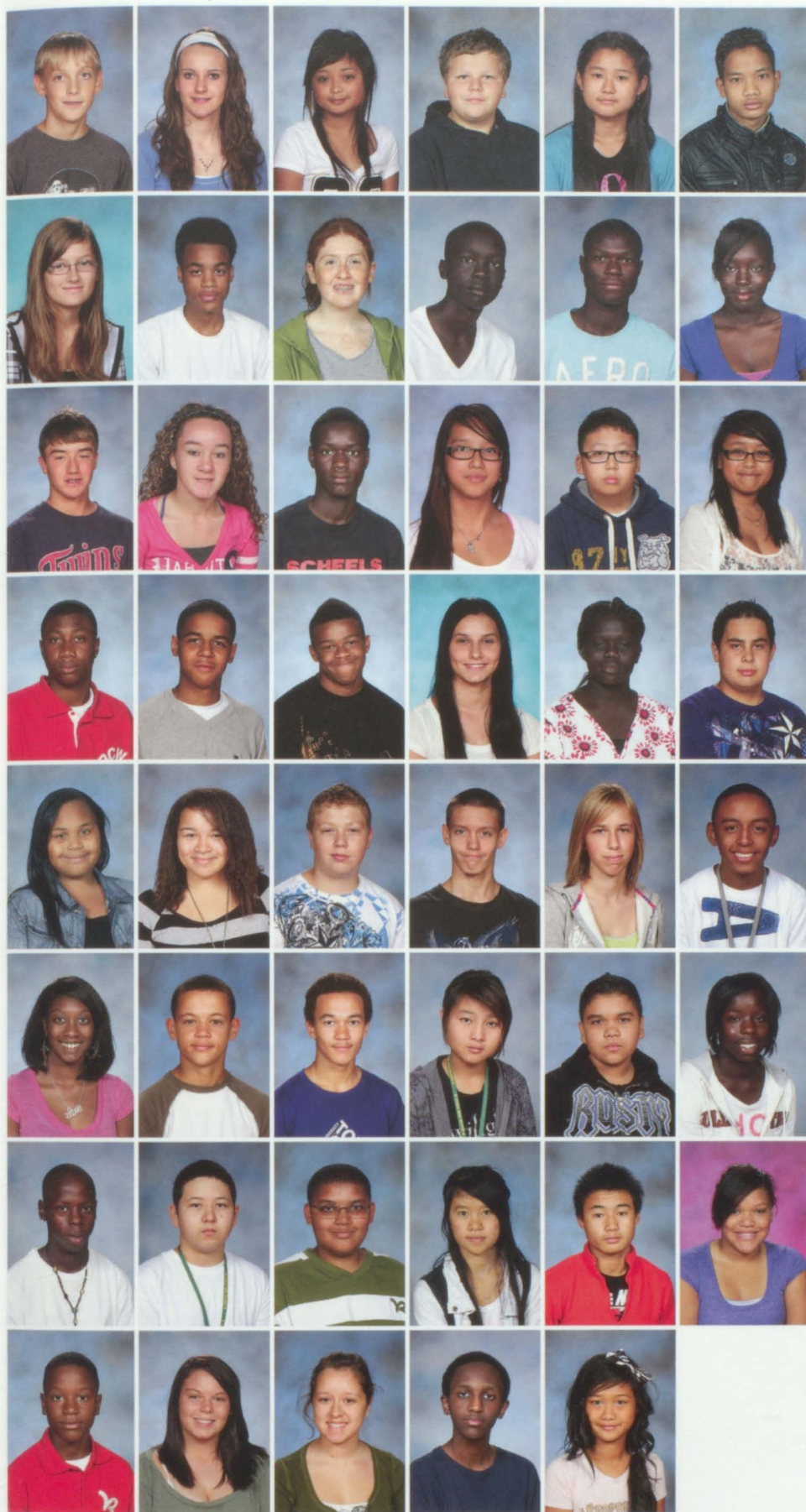
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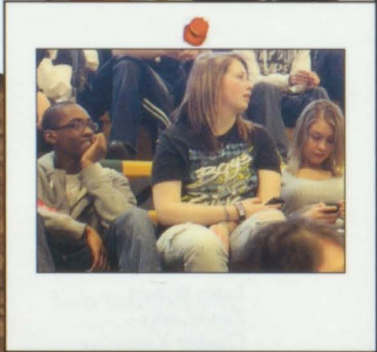
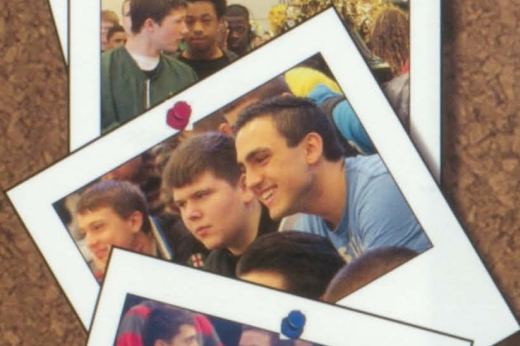
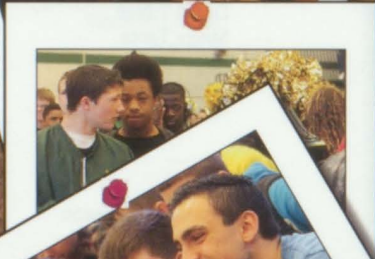
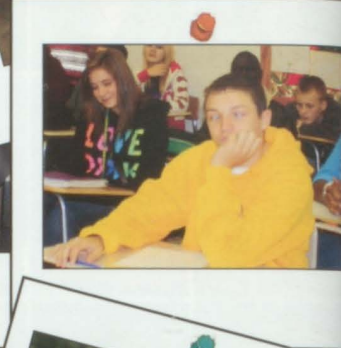
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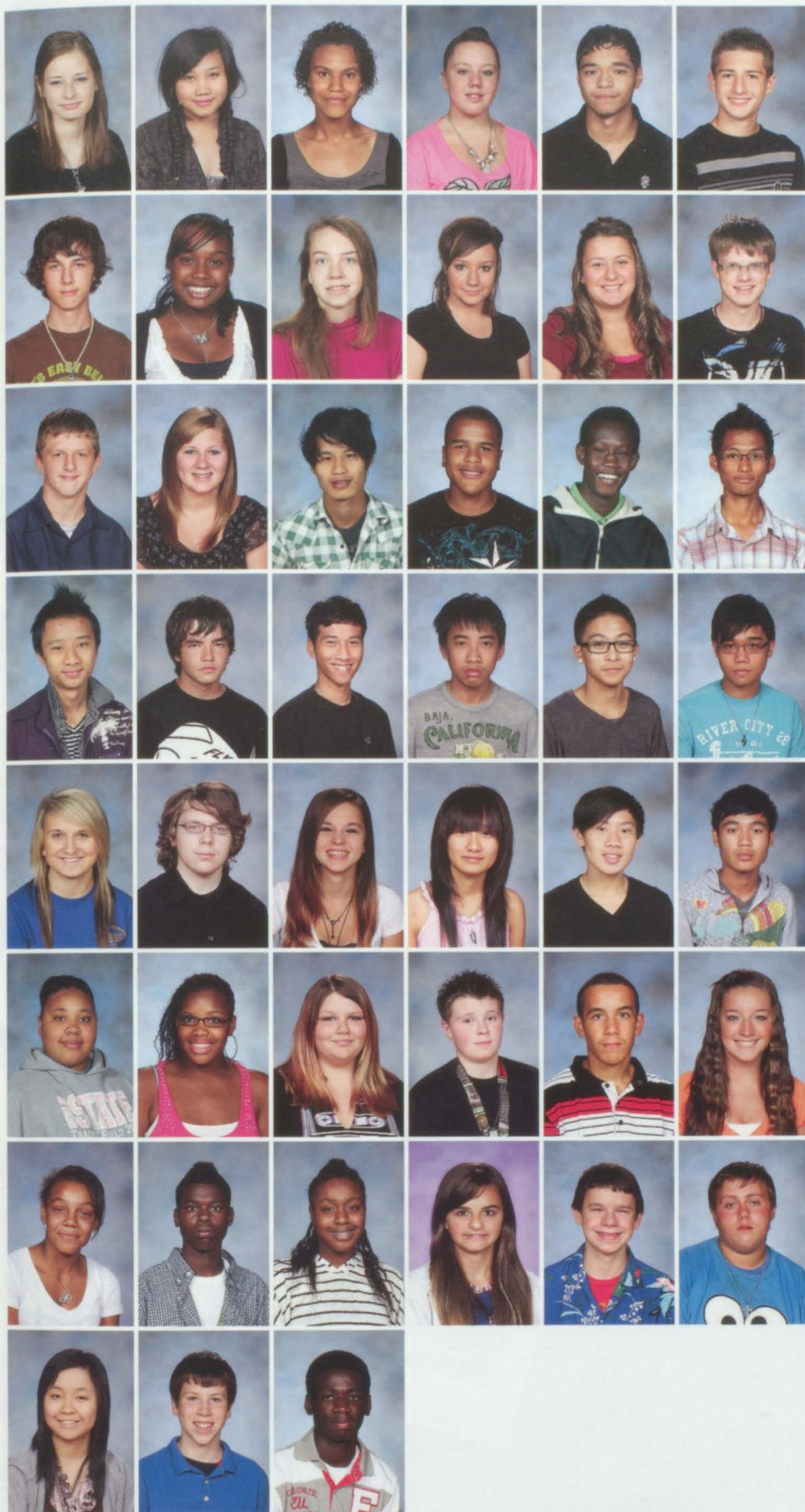
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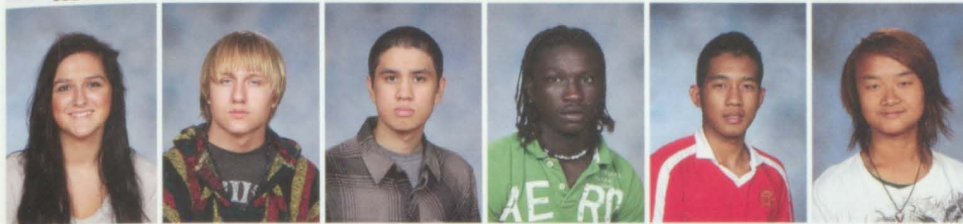
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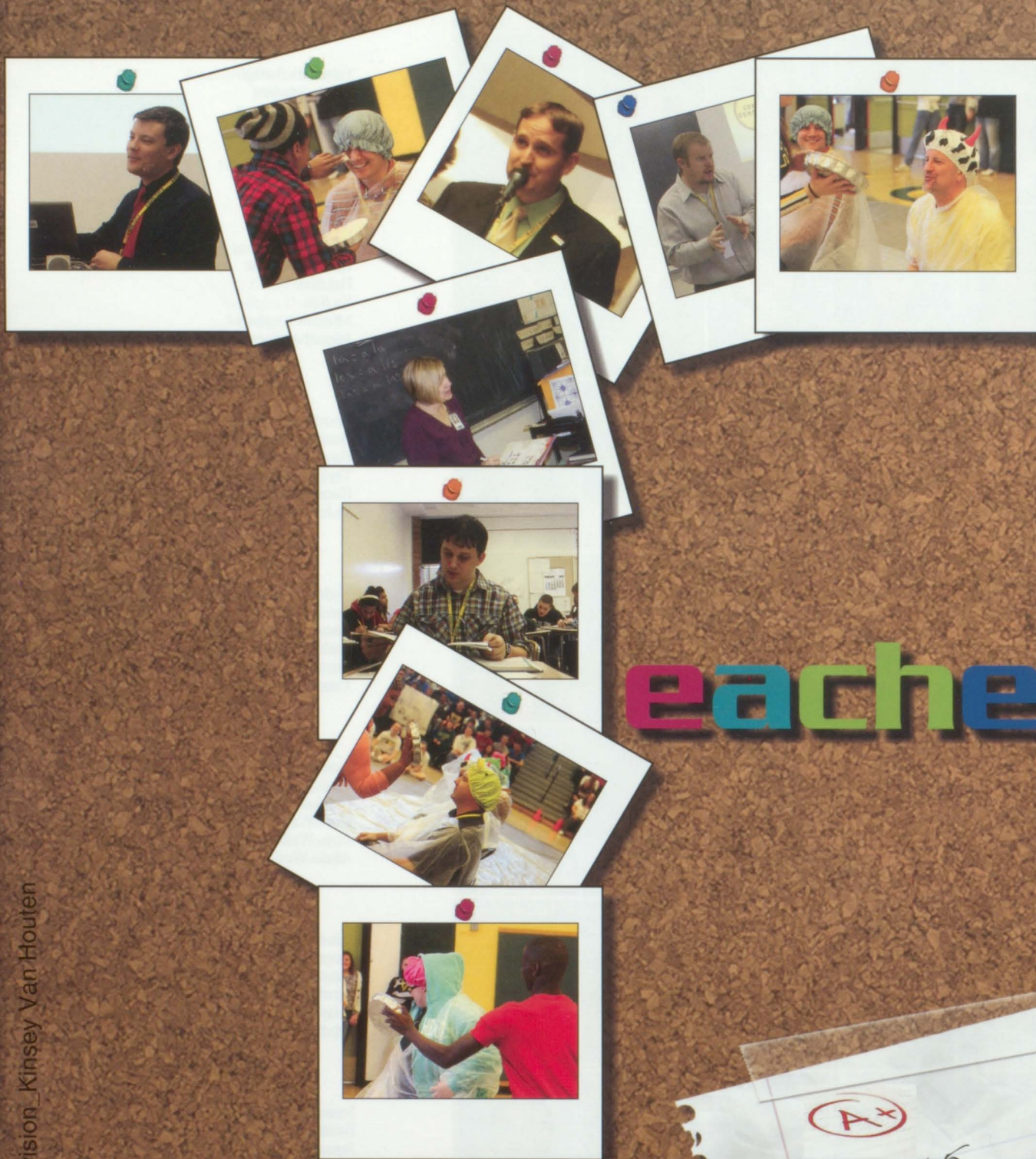
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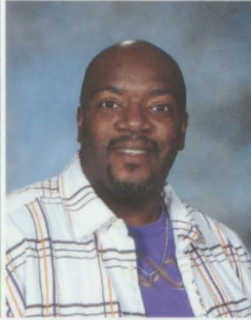
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Philip Carlson  
Melanie Carver



Keresten Conn  
Hillari Cooney  
Jeni Courney  
Gretchen Critelli  
Patricia Cusmano



Jason Danielson  
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Terri Dessauer  
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Patricia Dunbar  
Mary Dycus  
Tracey Eddy  
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Jacque Fletcher  
Margie Flowers



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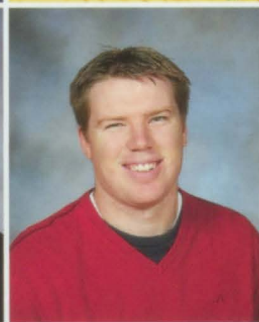
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Yearbook S2  
PILCHER, TIMM E  
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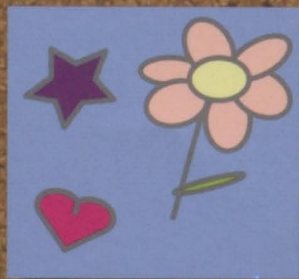
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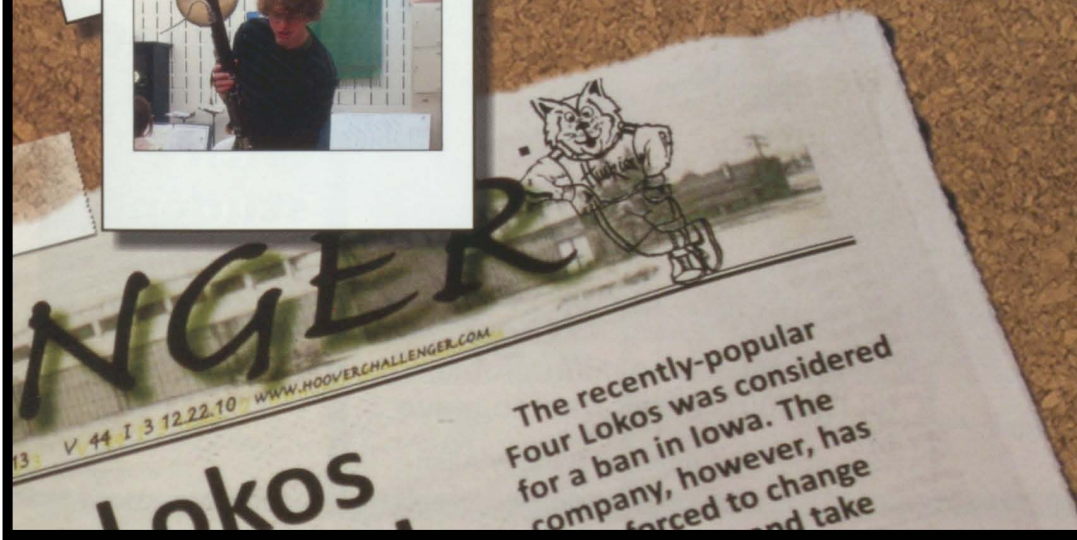


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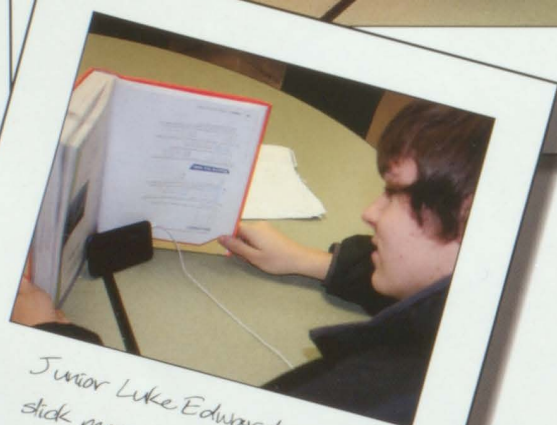
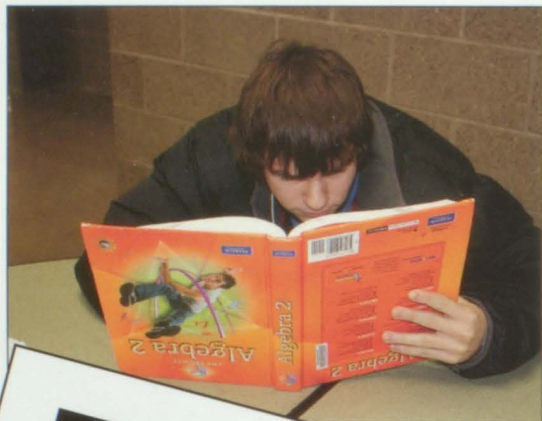
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# ONE Negative + ONE Positive =



Junior Luke Edwards shows us a slick move with his math book.

If you were to ask all the students here about their study habits, it's almost guaranteed they would all be different. Some students slack off and do nothing and some study to get a hard earned A+.

The students who don't care, well, their grades speak for themselves. Even dedicated students don't always have the

most excellent grades, some of the trying students reign at a C average. They still don't give up. All students should try hard regardless.

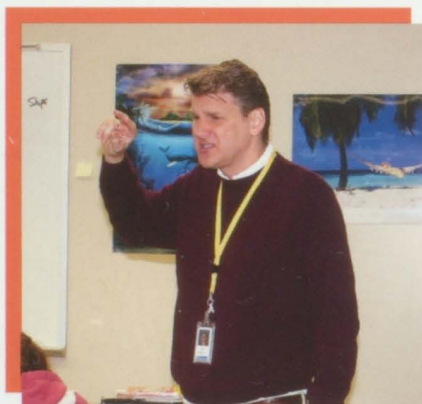
The teachers, too, all have different methods of teaching when it comes down to math.

"I'm more than positive that everyone on this planet was taught differently" said math Teacher, Robert Reynolds.

**"I usually don't do my work in class... I would rather listen to music."**

-Junior Luke Edwards

Math teacher Robert Reynolds (below) teaches class in his first year here.

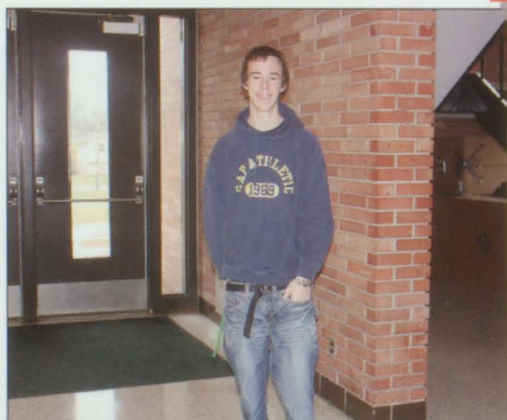


GEOMETRY  
I CAN Write  
The Difference  
Between A Combination  
AND A Permutation.

The learning target (above) displayed in Reynold's geometry class.

## Negative Attitude

## Positive Attitude



**"I don't really care for it."**

-senior Ian Waseskuk



**"I will work on a math problem till I'm 100% sure I want to move on."**

-sophomore Sydney Allen

**A big percentage of the entire student body in math class.**



# Two New Teachers, ONE Subject

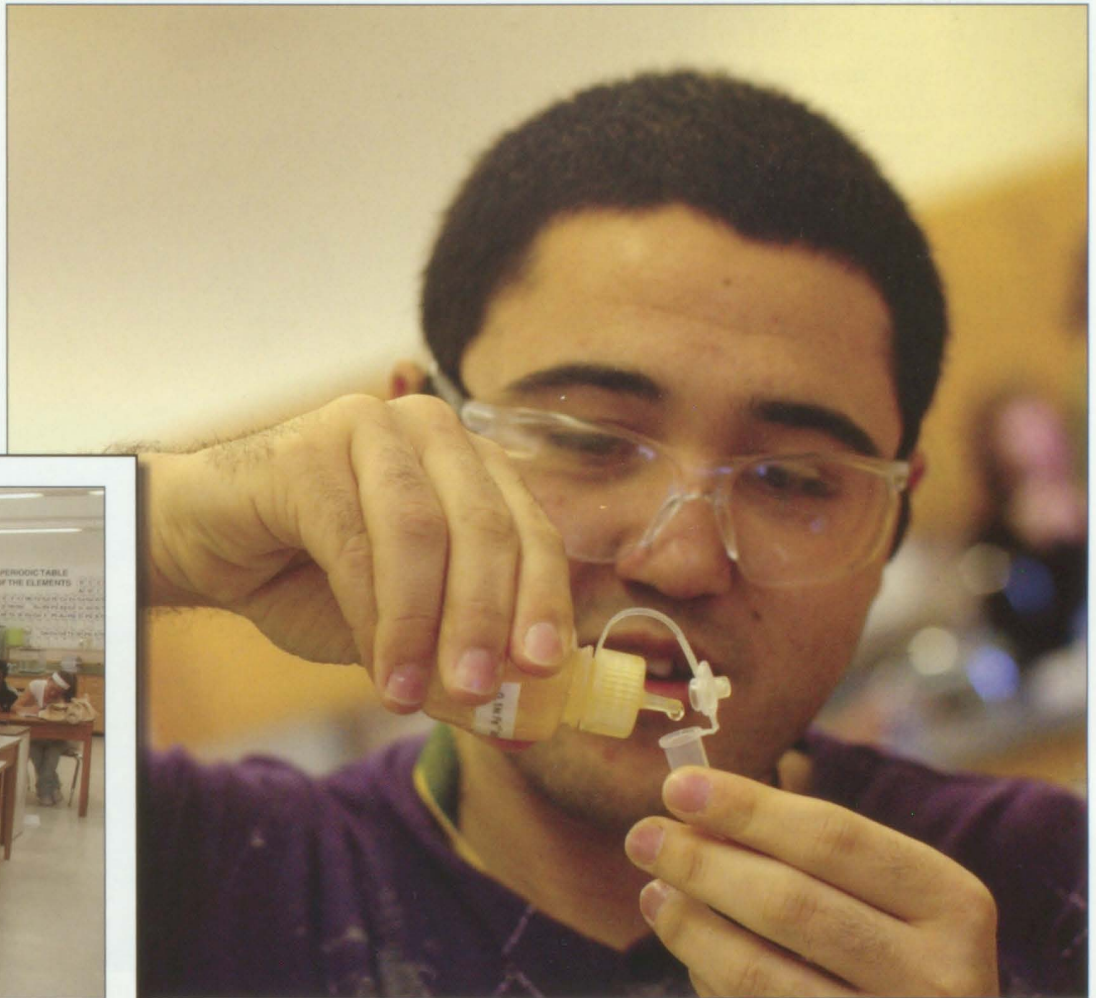
Science teacher Adam Puderbaugh takes over in the science department

Science teacher Adam Puderbaugh is one of two new science teachers. This is his first year here and he likes it and plans on staying a while.

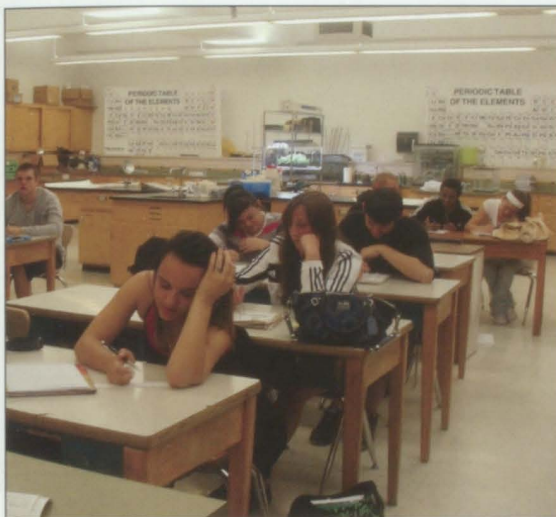
"I didnt want to be a teacher; I wanted to be a vet or an engineer," Puderbaugh said.

Not everything works out how you want it to. Puderbaugh said he likes being a teacher though.

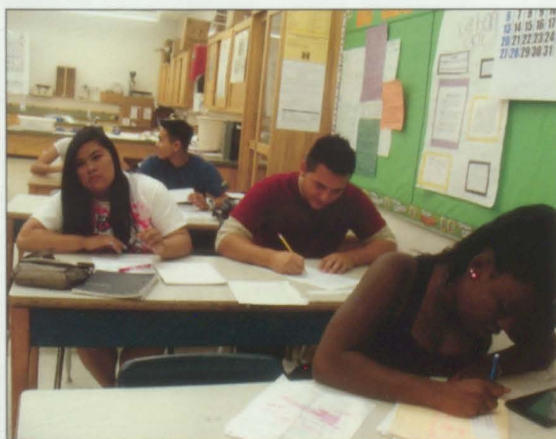
"My classes are very challenging but I just want my students to try their best thats all I ask," Puderbaugh said.



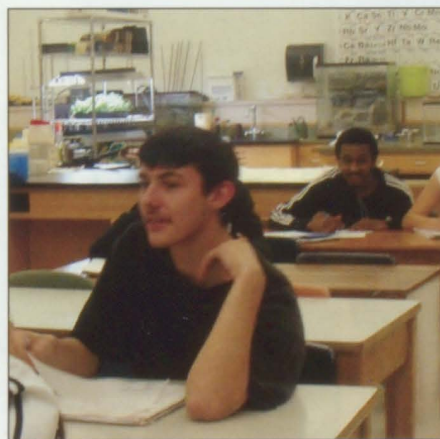
Senior Saleem Mirzai mixes up chemicals in environmental science.



Juniors Kacy Murray and Sydney Scaniers work on science.



Juniors Mica Nguyen and Suljo Omercio and senior Edna Smith doing work.



Junior Trey Hawxby is taking notes in science class.

**Q: What is your opinion of the new science teachers?**

**A: I like one of the new science teachers but they are both cool - Junior Tyneicia Wells**



# ONE World ONE History

The 20th Century contemporary history teachers are Maureen Murphy and Amber Davison. Murphy has been teaching history class for years now.

20th Century Contemporary History is a freshman class that goes over major events in history during the 20th century. It is to get them ready for history classes in the future. The class has existed for years. To pass the class, students need to pay attention in class and turn in completed work.

"The work is easy but the class is hard because I get distracted a lot," said freshman Vernon McClain.

He said, "the classes could improve by doing more group stuff."

Murphy said it's been harder for her to do more group projects than years past because of the new curriculum.

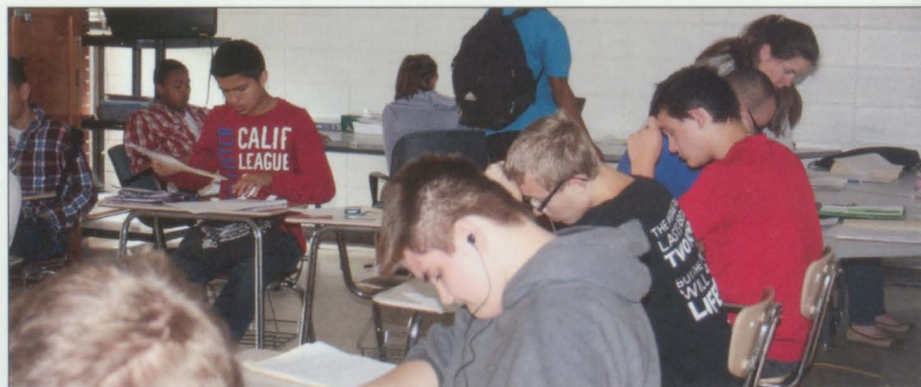
"It's always a little hard the first year with a new curriculum, but I think next year will be better," Murphy said.



History teacher Amber Davison talks to her history class. Davison is one of five history teachers.



Freshmen Newton Nyugen and Olivia Jacobus do group work in 20th Century History.



Students in Davison's class work and prepare for their projects.





Seniors Zach Doyle and Katie Steingrobe are reviewing notes.



Senior Nick Clark is concentrating on the mock trial.



Seniors in Danielson's AP government class watch the mock trial.



Justice Ed Masfield came to assist the trial.



A camera man came to tape the event.



## ONE Country, ONE Government, ONE Economy

This is the first year for AP government and economics. It includes different functions of the government, and is taught by Jason Danielson.

"I believe government and econ are two of the most important facets of American lives today," senior Nick Clark said.

Students create unit projects based on particular simulations like politics, elections and lawyers.

"I definitely recommend this class for next year for kids who might want to take it. I want kids to try it and I will support them," Danielson said.

This class will help students learn about government by providing better test scores, hands on experience, authentic learning, different variety of ways to resolve issues and better results on the ACT.

"To study for tests, you have to apply to real life politics, study your notes and study your

vocabulary," senior Victor Aguilar said.

The AP government and econ classes did a big project that included an Iowa Supreme Court justice, Ed Masfield. Aguilar and Clark are two who participated in the public event.

"I picked this project because I thought it would be new and a more interesting way to teach kids," Danielson said.

The project was provided for by the George Lucas Foundation and it gives a chance for young adults to collaborate and talk about results. It was based on many different mock trials and the judge made it seem realistic.

"I love to role play and act out the parts of government officials," Clark said.

The students became judges and lawyers. They did civil right, liberty, and other famous cases.

"This class is a preparation for a lifetime," Aguilar said.



Juniors Emina Kovacevic and Sydney Swift and senior Hyrum Torres state their argument.



Jason Danielson helps junior Anthony Kaiser with a project.



# English ONE-oh-ONE

Some students think that English class is easy. They don't mind reading and writing.

"I like to read in class and outside of class, that's why I get good grades in English," junior Asiajuana Hobbs said.

English teachers are all different and teach in their own way.

"I like (Mitch) Elbert as my teacher because he's a cool guy and he explains things well," Hobbs said.

Homework is not a problem for Hobbs because they barely get it.

"We don't get very many homework assignments, just mainly in class work," Hobbs said.

But the higher the grade level of English a student is in the more challenging it may get.

"English is harder this year because we have to write a whole bunch of papers that are difficult a majority of the time,"

senior Amasha Manyfield said.

According to Manyfield, English teacher Amy Stockton is probably one of the strictest teachers when it comes to papers.

"Stockton don't play; she's a cool teacher, but sometimes the work is overwhelming," Manyfield said.

In order to graduate, students need four English credits with one half credit that counts toward speech.

"I didn't know speech was a requirement until this year," junior Collin Kelso said.

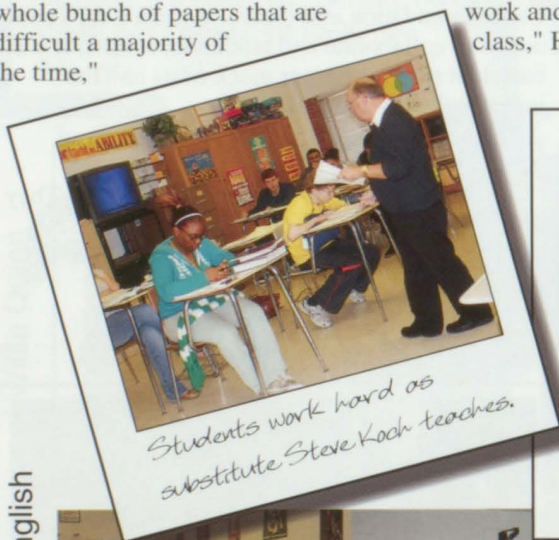
It's not always easy getting up and doing speeches in front of the class.

"I get nervous sometimes when doing my speeches because I forget what I'm going to say," Kelso said.

"English class is fairly easy as long as you turn in all of your work and show up for class," Hobbs said.



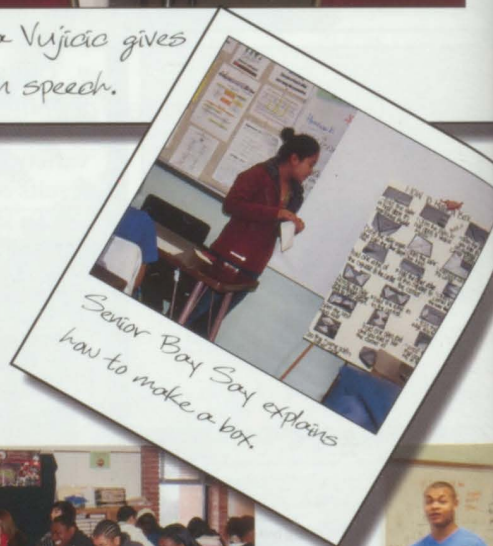
Senior Aleksandra Vujicic gives her demonstration speech.



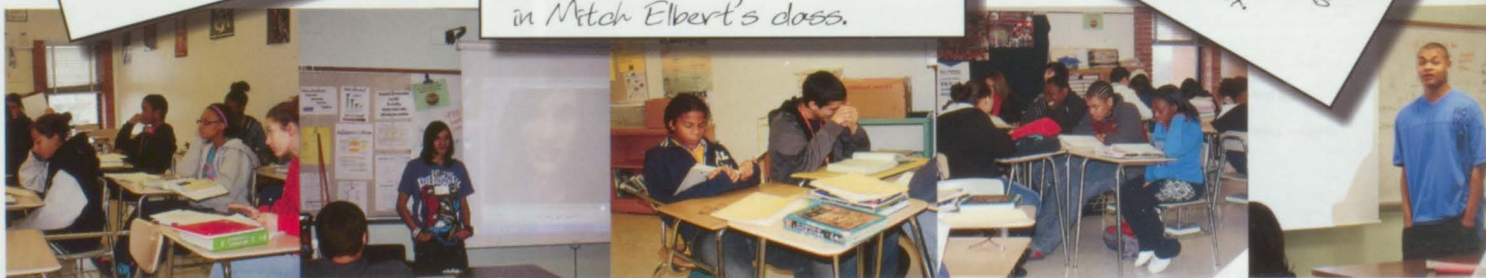
Students work hard as substitute Steve Koch teaches.



Junior Reed Gebert reads in Mitch Elbert's class.



Senior Bay Say explains how to make a box.





# YOU NEED ONE FOREIGN LANGUAGE...



I DON'T WANT TO GO  
COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY?

I WANT TO GO TO  
COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY?



Spanish teacher Teri Dessauer teaches the class their 10 vocabulary words for the week so they can be prepared for the test.

## TIPS TO BE SUCCESSFUL:

3: Listen

2: Take Notes

**ONE:** Apply

Teens like senior Shalea Cooks take Spanish for a foreign language their freshman year because they think it is needed.

"When I was in high school I didn't have to take a foreign language, but I took it all four years in school, because I liked it. It was fun but challenging," Spanish teacher Teri Dessauer said.

According to sophomore Artorria Jung, kids are rude and disrespectful to Dessauer all the time.

"Kids call her Big Dessi and we all know she doesn't listen or respond" Jung said. Dessauer plans on retiring after this year.

"People are mean to Ms. Dessauer because at the beginning of the year she put herself out there as if she was a push over, and once that's in a kids head, it's going no where," Jung said.

Dessauer has two children and two grandchildren from her daughter. She plans on living in South Carolina with her daughter.

Dessauer's daughter has a minor in Spanish for a foreign language, her son also knows Spanish and French. He currently lives in Germany, so he's learning German too. Dessauer also plans on going to see him after she retires.

"I haven't taught at a college level because I don't have my masters; I haven't had time. I

had to raise two kids by myself, then when they were grown I had to pay their tuition" Dessauer said, chuckling.

Jung took Spanish I her freshmen year with foreign language teacher Mary Dycus.

"I learned in Dycus' class because she's stricter and it seems like she knows more as in I think she knows how to speak it more," Jung said.

Senior Quinton Patton is currently taking French and he also said he learns in Dycus' class.

"If you don't do notes and study you will have a hard time learning because she moves fast and you need to stay with the pace," Patton said.

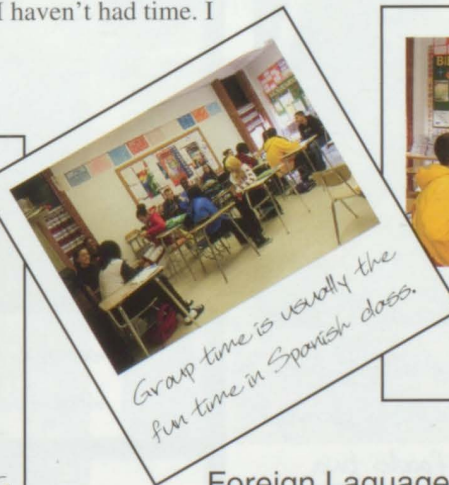
Students like senior Aisha Stewart and freshman Jeremy Jamison get sad when they get an "F" on a test. Jung's saddest moment in class would be when Dessauer said she was retiring.

Dessauer claims people who learn in her class are the people who are interested; then there are the people who just take it because they need it to get into college.

"A couple of years ago me and one of my Spanish classes celebrated Cinco De Mayo and we made piñatas and then we broke them; that's a memory I'll never forget." Dessauer said.



The class studies for their post test together.



Grasp time is usually the fun time in Spanish class.



Dessauer teaches new vocabulary.



# ONE

## New FACS Teacher

Student thoughts on Jana McClelland

Jana McClelland is the new Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) teacher. The classes she teaches are nutrition and food prep one and two, relationships and health.

Her classes are each just one semester long. Any grade level can be a part of these classes.

"This is my ninth year teaching, but my first year here at Hoover. I was transferred from Arizona, and I thought Hoover would be a good fit for me," McClelland said.

In nutrition and food prep, students learn new and different cooking techniques and those skills can help in the future when they need to cook for themselves and family. Learning how to get along with people and real life situations is being taught in relationships class. Students will figure out how to live healthy lives in health class.

"Hoover has incredibly bright students and such a diverse amount of students and it is interesting to see how they get along," McClelland said.

She enjoys coming to work because she is excited to see her students. Even though she had a good outcome in her classes this school year, she always feels like there is room for improvement.

"There is no way to fail my class unless you don't come," McClelland said.

These classes will be continued to be taught by her unless she gets a counseling job.

"My least favorite part is discipline. I'd rather spend my time teaching kids. I hope students actually learn something from being in my classes. I strive to design it that way," McClelland said.

Sophomore Haris Miftari experienced McClelland's Foods I class first semester of this school year.

"It was very fun. We got to interact with food and it shows us how to cook for ourselves. Plus we got to work in groups which is always fun. I can use this class in my future because you have to cook for yourself in the future, parents won't always be around," Miftari said.



Sophomore Mikayla Larson (above) cuts vegetables to steam while making orange chicken. She is in the foods two class.



Freshman Mary Pham peels a carrot while making orange chicken in foods two.



Sophomore Matt Fley prepares the mix for an angel food cake.



Sophomore Bethany Wildt pours vanilla extract into the cake mix.





*"I wanted to leave feeling good about my job and my time as a teacher here."*

*- Business and computer teacher Judy Renoux*

## **ONE last year...**

The computer and business classes are often where students learn computer applications: building tables, using Microsoft programs, and making websites, movies and Powerpoints and doing graphic design. The business law classes explains rights and how they affect people and publishers so that no lines are crossed.

These classes often doesn't get much recognition from the school, but some feel that they should.

"Technology is everywhere, and is needed for jobs. Also, students need it for basically every class," business teacher Judy Renoux said.

Not only are there computer applications learned in her room, but there

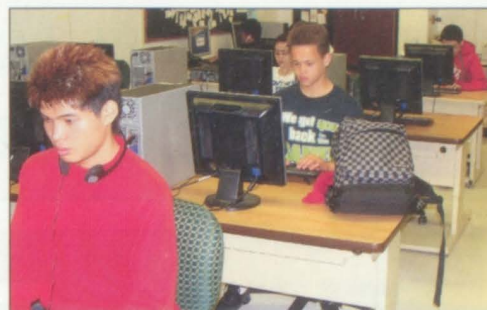
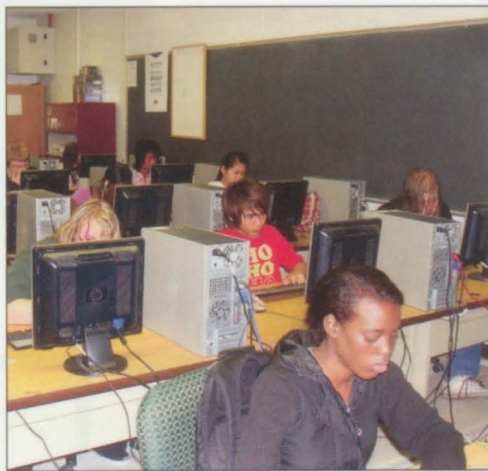
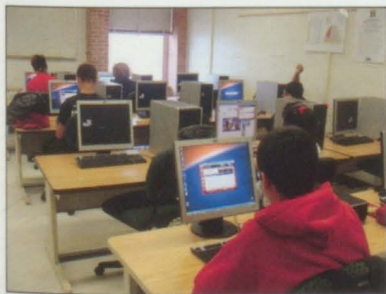
are also a lot of fun times and great friendships that are made in this class also.

Renoux, and Kathleen McNeal and Darrell Kitterman, two other computer and business teachers, said that they have many students they've had former students who come back just to visit and catch up. Although they are electives the student/teacher friendships sometimes become something bigger then just a class.

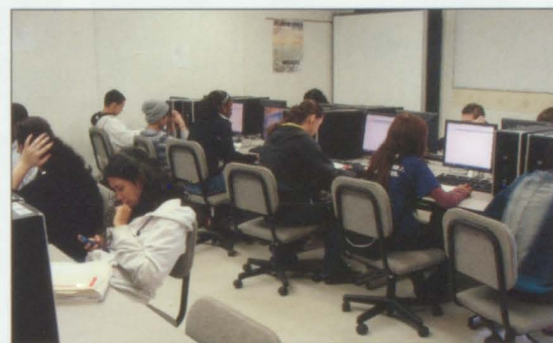
However, for Renoux, this is her final year.

"(I am retiring this year), not because I doesn't enjoy it, but because I want to have time to spend with my family, so leaving is bittersweet," she said.

Students (below and right) work on computer skills in class.



*Junior Ta Chan and freshman Cameron McIntosh work on business skills*



Students (above) work with intro skills in computer/business teacher Kathleen McNeal's marketing class. McNeal (below) is caught off guard for a picture while using her computer.





# Working On The Big ONE

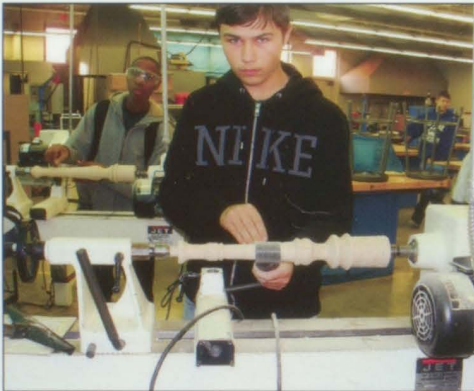
## Woods & Metals



*Sophomore Dale Wolf*



*Student Cabinet Work*



*Sophomore Logan Pifer  
shows off his stuff*



*Senior Joseph McElvogue  
works on the saw*



*Woods Teacher Jeff Jansen*



*Sophomore Ryan Lazella*



*Junior Poe Du uses the drill  
during his woods class*

Welcome to the world of wood working and metal fundamentals, where students get to build *and* destroy things, including cabinets and rockets.

Some people may think that these two classes are extremely dangerous; they can be, but not if students are careful. If they are, no accidents will happen.

"Woods class is nothing to be messing around with; saws are dangerous," said sophomore Logan Pifer.

Everyone has his or her own opinions about these two classes, some of which not all will agree with.

It is rumored that Des Moines Public Schools are looking to take the classes out of all high schools. If they were to take these classes out of the curriculum, it would leave many students in rage.

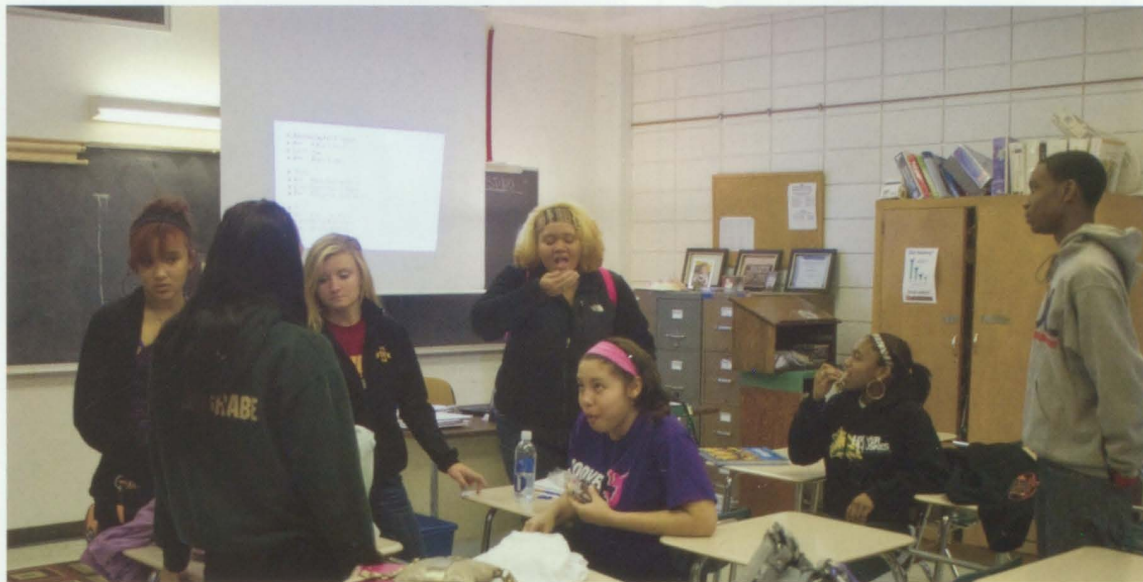
"I would be very upset if they were to take woods out of the school; it is a great elective to take," said sophomore Ryan Lazella.

Some students take wood working as a prerequisite for the carpentry class at Central Campus. Even students who don't take the class for a future reference have a problem with not having this class anymore,

"I love wood working; I've taken it all the years I've been here," said senior Joseph Mc Elvogue.



# Student Council Works Together Towards ONE Mission



Seniors Katie Steingrabe, Haley Sconiers, Brittany Wells, Brittney Reed, junior Marquise Gwenigale, sophomore Artorria Jung and junior Avery Jackson all gather to talk about Winter Formal decorations.

(Top to bottom)  
Sophomore Artorria Jung, and juniors Avery Jackson and Marquise Gwenigale put there input in a class discussion. Senior Kinsey Van Houten paints a box for Winter Formal. Freshman Zoe Wissler makes a poster to help advertise for the dance. Senior Connor Cunningham puts his say in about decorations. Senior Katie Steingrabe looks at designs for Winter Formal. Van Houten and freshman Zoe Wissler make posters.

Student Council (StuCo) is a class where a group of students work together to make decisions about different activities such as dances, assemblies, etc.

Senior Katie Steingrabe, president of StuCo, said, "A normal day in Student Council consists of us getting into class and going over what we have to get done. From there, we get in groups to accomplish these tasks, and when we don't have many tasks to accomplish, we do leadership activities."

StuCo will also vote on certain topics, and talk about ideas in class as well.

Senior Brittany Wells said, "We spend a lot of time discussing decisions and debating. We spent two class periods just to decide the theme for winter formal." Usually the debates are about dances, t-

shirt colors, and assemblies.

"There are a few problems in student of all seasons, but we always work them out by a vote or talking it out," Wells said. Each issue they have they usually resolve with a vote from the entire class, and majority takes over. Steingrabe said that sometimes people still feel upset when the vote is over though.

"Ironman and Student Of All Seasons decisions need to be made with the students in mind. Ironman is supposed to be about having a good time, and Student Of All Seasons needs to be about recognizing the students and there abilities," Steingrabe said.

"We learned a lot from last year so this year it is running a lot smoother and we are planning more ahead," Wells said.



# Two classes, **ONE** goal... to get physical.

## P.E.

Haywood Boston is a P.E. teacher along with two other teachers who work with him, Jon Means and Carrie Harjes. Boston works here every day full time as a P.E. teacher. It takes a lot of time and dedication which he has. Boston says he makes good money working as a P.E. teacher. His P.E. classes are located in the big gym.

"My classes do all kinds of physical activities," Boston said. He says his classes get a long with each other well.

"My class isn't hard, but if you don't do anything it may be harder for you," Boston said. There are roughly 200 students that he sees all day, every day. "I have been working here since 1988," Boston said.

His very first job was hauling bricks at age 12.

## P.E.O.P.E.L.

Cindy Grandquist is the teacher of P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. which is, Physical Education Program for Exceptional Learners. Students volunteer to help in the class. Grandquist has worked here for 23 years.

"It has always been a dream of mine to work with disabled children," Grandquist said.

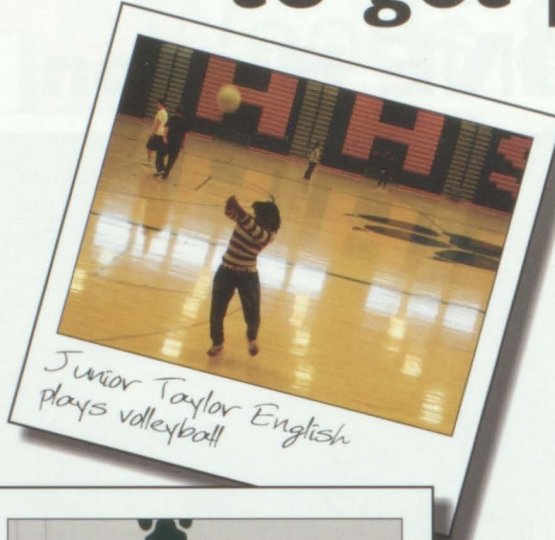
Sometimes P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. and regular P.E. work together.

"We are one of the only schools that has P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E.," Grandquist said.

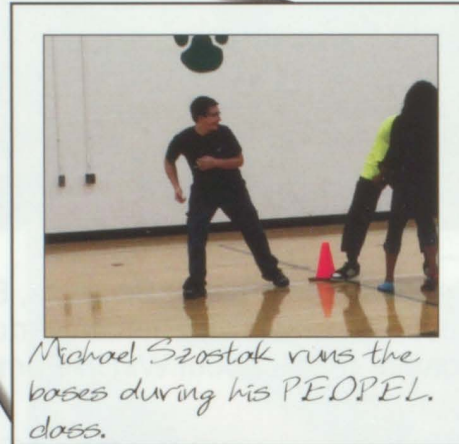
She has a maximum of 20 students in her class every day.

Grandquist says her pay is well enough to feed her family. She says her students work well together and they mostly do group work.

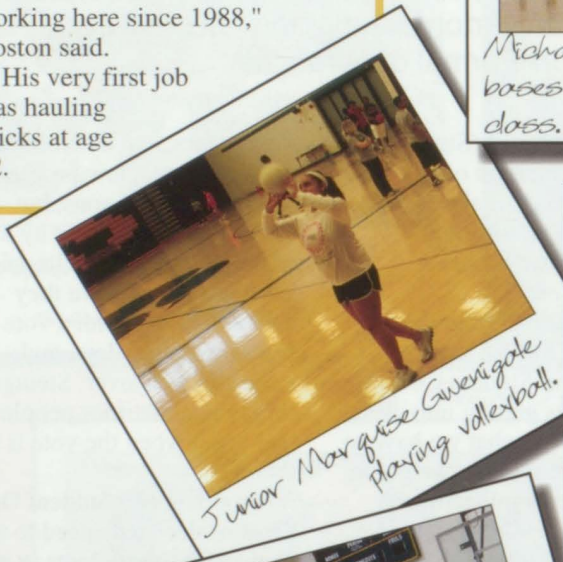
Senior Leandre Lee and freshman Stephen Artwein (below) shoot hoops during their gym class.



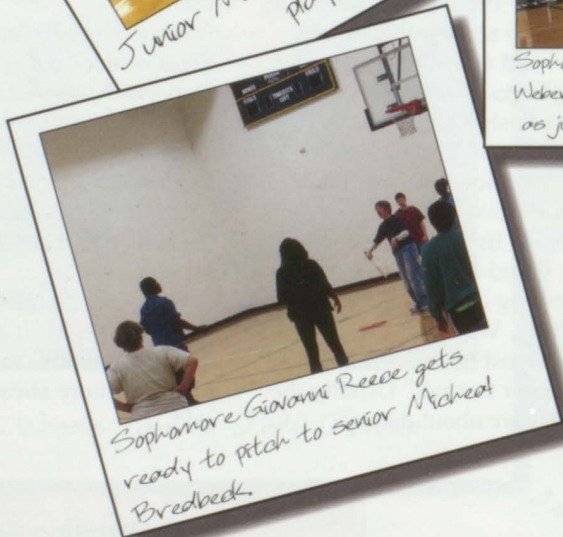
Junior Taylor English plays volleyball



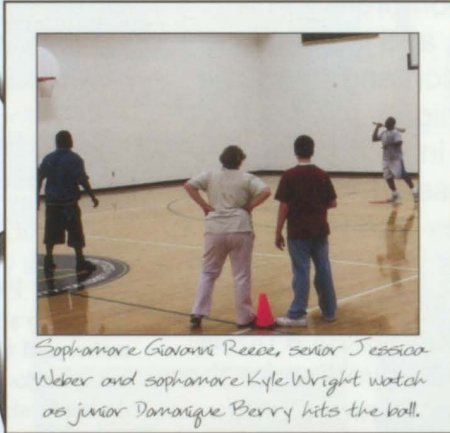
Michael Szostak runs the bases during his P.E.O.P.E.L. class.



Junior Marquise Guentigole playing volleyball.



Sophomore Giovanni Reece gets ready to pitch to senior Michael Bredbeck.



Sophomore Giovanni Reece, senior Jessica Weber and sophomore Kyle Wright watch as junior Damarique Berry hits the ball.





# ONE class impacts ONE student



*Working on the Potters Wheel.*



*Abby Callaghan working with clay.*

The art program offers a variety of classes. Pat Jensen-Bock teaches art introduction, drawing, painting and photography. The other art teacher, Janet Murillo, also teaches art introduction and 3D. The different classes make it so there is a class and skill level for everyone.

Junior Abby Callaghan, an advanced art student, takes drawing, photography, and ceramics.

"I can't pick a favorite subject," she said.

Both art teachers agree it is too difficult to pick their favorite category.

All of these classes give students special skills, including different ways to solve problems and insights into observing the world in a unique way.

"I have learned to notice details easier," Callaghan said.

In introduction to art, students develop basics to eventually advance to higher levels of skill. 3D is a higher level class so material skills must first be acquired through lower level classes before students can advance.

Once students are engaged in a class, there are different opportunities that they can be involved in, including displaying their art in the school and other venues around the city. There are also some small contests available to the students.

"Students can participate in art shows and art festivals, which provide them with good experiences," Murillo said.

"I am going to enter some art into the Iowa State Fair this summer," Callaghan said.

The art program is good for people who are looking to pursue a future in art.

"I am going to go to the Kansas City Art School," Callaghan said.

Art is a good career for many, and it can serve as a good hobby for most. Murillo and Jensen-Bock both use art as a hobby.

"I enjoy working on my own art work in my spare time," Jensen-Bock said.



# ONE Newspaper

## What it takes to produce *The Challenger*

The Hoover *Challenger* is published once a month. Before it is published, there are numerous different stages to make sure the paper is the best it can be. The newspaper is full of staff who each have special jobs to make sure each process goes smoothly.

Staff members include freshman Chris Markle, copy editor; junior Madi Jones, opinion editor and junior Elizabeth Lockin, co-editor in chief. To become an editor, students apply for the job they want. Markle got his job because he has a certain knack for editing documents and fixing mistakes.

"I got into newspaper because I noticed mistakes in one of the issues. I went to Mr. Pilcher and asked if I could join and fix the mistakes. The next semester I was in newspaper and I applied for copy editor," Markle said.

While Makle's job is only used at one stage for an article, the editor in chief must oversee the entire publication at all the stages. This job can be difficult which is why this year there are two editors in chief.

"I like having two editors so we

can share the work load; our job is harder when others don't do their jobs," Lockin said.

"In newspaper when someone doesn't do their job it makes it harder on the group. This teaches the staff to be hard workers and get their work by their deadlines. Deadlines teach students about the best way to manage their time.

"Newspaper has taught me more than just journalism; I have also picked up skills that will be useful later in life," Jones said.

One of these skills is how to work well with others. The staff must rely on each other to get their jobs done.

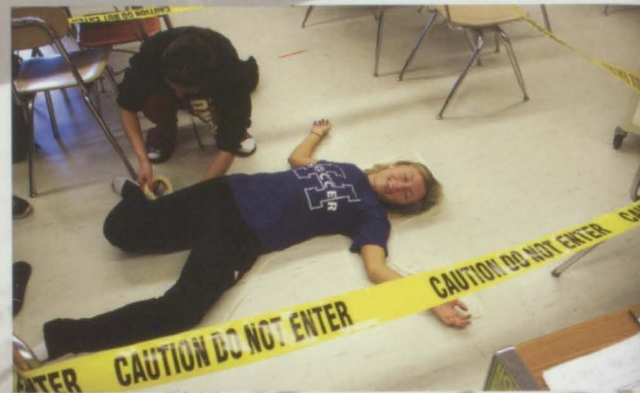
"I like the staff because everyone brings something to the table and it is very diverse, which is good because Hoover is diverse so everyone gets represented in the paper," Lockin said.

All of the staff agrees that if someone is going to join newspaper, it is best to have a background of journalism.

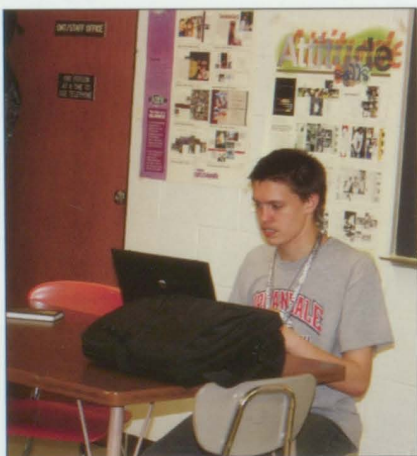
"We can always use more members on the staff, because a bigger staff means a bigger publication," Lockin said.



The newspaper staff during storyboard. They storyboard before every issue of the paper.



Senior Brittany Wells is getting her "crime scene" ready so she can ask junior Grant Johnson to prom during newspaper class.



Freshman Chris Markle, copy editor, corrects stories.



Junior Elizabeth Lockin, co-editor in chief, edits things.



Junior Madi Jones, opinion editor, listens to music while doing her work.



# Many Deadlines, One Book

Justen's Yearbook Avenue: Log in Nothing is ever finished, it only meets a deadline  
-Timm Pilcher

Yearbook is a class for students to gather around and create a book with memories that will last a lifetime. Junior Imani Mitchell enjoys being a part of the yearbook staff.

"I love having this class! It's a great experience and it's a chance for other students to interact with each other," Mitchell said.

Yearbook is not like other classes.

"What I like about this class is that it is very laid back. You don't have homework every day unlike other classes, but you do have deadlines you need to make. I plan on coming back next year and hopefully as an editor in chief," Mitchell said.

Another student agreed that yearbook is different from her other classes.

"I also like having this class because it's not as strict as the other ones. We also have food days which allow the staff to

interact with each other," junior Ronni Palmer said.

Palmer really likes food days.

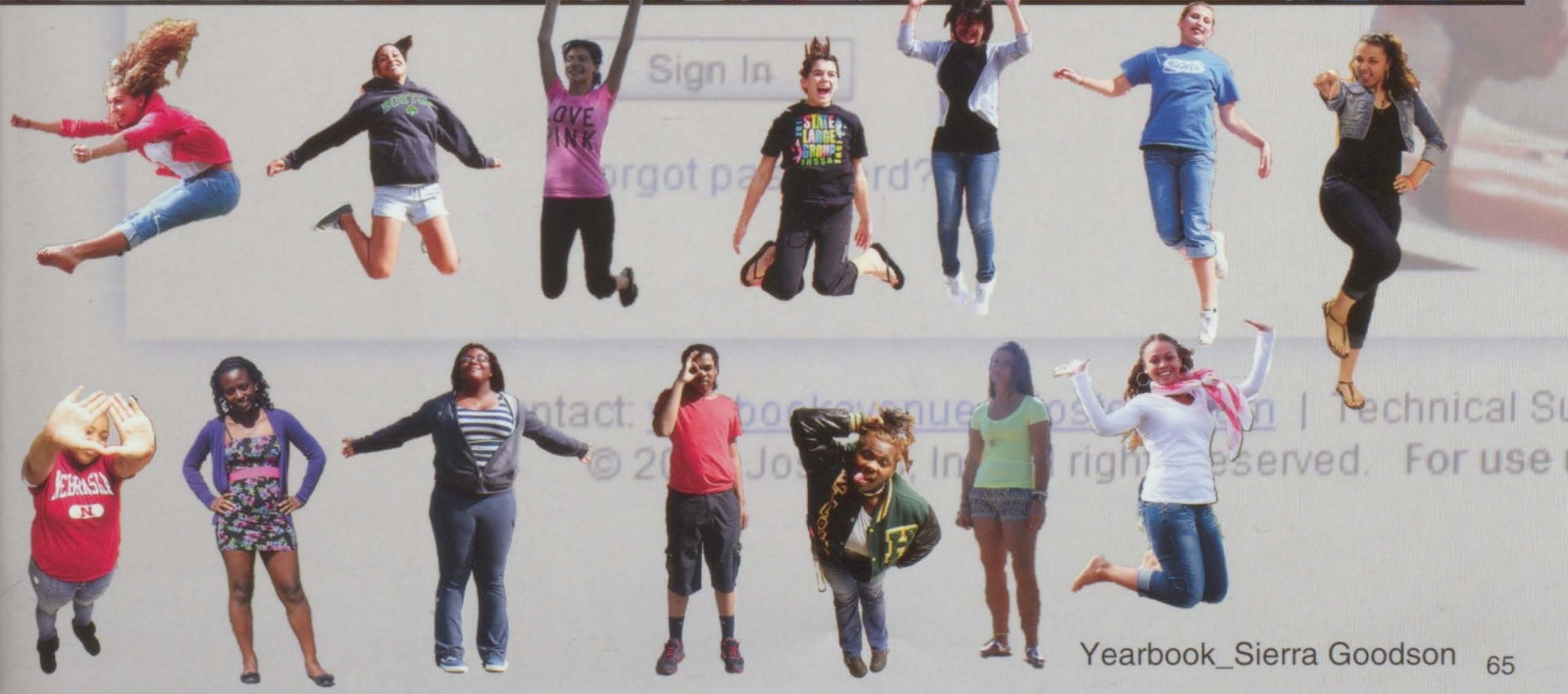
"I like food days because everyone is able to bring their own unique food and it also allows the staff to have chill time," Palmer said.

Although they like the class, it has some downfalls.

"One thing I didn't like doing was interviews. They were always awkward for me especially when I didn't really know the person I was interviewing," freshman Olivia Jacobus said.

Regardless of a students background, the yearbook staff was very accepting.

"Coming from a completely different place didn't matter in this class. They treated everyone the same and made me feel really comfortable, I really wish I could stay," junior Yumeka Morimoto said.





# ONE BAND, ONE SOUND

## Band students pursue excellence

Some band members believe that the student body doesn't even recognize that the band exists, but most band students seem love each other and their instruments.

"Where words don't work the music speaks; band opens up your mind to different types of music and different types of people," senior honors band student Allison Kaiser said.

For junior Ann Strom, band is quite easy but she would rather have more challenging music. Strom has been in the band for six years and counting.

According to Strom, the band would rate about a seven on a scale from 1-10.

"Every year is different; I have personally rated us higher before in the past years," Strom said.

For Kaiser who has been in the band for eight years, band also comes fairly easy to her.

Kaiser thinks the school

doesn't support the band because it doesn't get as much funding as they really need.

"To be in the band you have to practice and want to be there and be willing to work with people," Kaiser said.

Kaiser's best moment in the band was when she made it into All-State.

Both Strom and Kaiser agree that their fellow band members are nice and cool and fun to be around.

The time commitment for band is a little different for everyone. Everyone should practice outside of class as much as they can because it makes them that much better.

Band members are required to take private lessons with a teacher or with their instructor, Randy Hoepker, who has been the band instructor for nine years.



*Junior Ann Strom  
plays the flute.*



*Senior Allison Kaiser plays  
the clarinet.*





# THE ONE AND ONLY JAZZ BAND



Jazz band members seniors Levi Bales and Benjamin Phillips and sophomores Chris Poulsen, Ryan Utke and Charles Kendeigh are doing an improvisation exercise. Improvisation is one of the separating factors between concert band and jazz band.

With band director Randy Hoepker's two masters degrees in music, he conducts jazz band. Jazz band is a 10-member group that plays a variety of styles such as swing, Brazilian and Afro-Cuban music. Jazz band incorporates improvisation into each piece.

Sophomores Bryan Morrissey and Charles Kendeigh are two of the 10 people in jazz band.

"Mr. Hoepker introduced me to music in fifth grade," Morrissey said.

Morrissey is involved with numerous instruments considering that he plays percussion.

Kendeigh on the other hand plays trombone, bells and sings at his church.

Jazz band was able to perform for many school board

functions and banquets. The ten member group played at a Christmas party for the Des Moines School Board. At the event, the members of jazz band set up a tip jar. The tip jar was to collect money for the kids that couldn't afford to attend the spring break trip to Mexico. They collected a total of \$500 worth of tips.

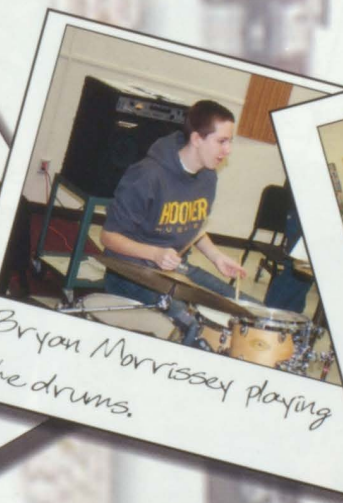
Jazz band also got the opportunity to play back up to the Board of Education Director, Jason Glass.

"It was completely different playing backup. It was a fun experience," Kendeigh said.

"The best part about being a jazz band conductor is working with a group of students and helping them realize that they can play a part in our music community," Hoepker said.



Sean Brenhorst playing the guitar.



Bryan Morrissey playing the drums.



Jazz band during an impr. exercise.



Randy Hoepker participating in an impr. exercise.



# The First ONE

## Orchestra performs at a pep assembly for the first time

Freshman Bethany Swanson has been playing the violin for five years.

"I chose to do orchestra when I was watching the **Dixie Chicks** when I was three; I said, 'I want to do that!' If you know anything about the Dixie Chicks, they sing, dance and play fiddles," Swanson said.

Swanson has mixed emotions about playing in the assembly.

"I think it would be fun if we did it with glow sticks on our bows, I'm not really nervous because I know the song," Swanson said.

"I think playing in the assembly will be a fun and new experience," freshman Sydney Dixon said.

Dixon has been playing the cello since the end of seventh grade.

"My favorite thing about orchestra is being able to play together and everyone gets along, making friends from different grades," Dixon said.

Freshman Jeanna Roark chose to play violin because she wanted to learn how to play an instrument and she liked orchestra.

"Playing in the assembly would be good considering people think

we are in band," Roark said

The difference between alternative strings and orchestra, is that alternative strings is more difficult, has a smaller group and is given more music to prepare for.

"In alternative strings, we play a song at the beginning of class as a group, then we split into our ensemble groups, but one group stays and plays the electrics," junior Connor Daza said.

Daza knew he was going to do All-State, so he needed as much practice as possible, that's why he chose to do alternative strings.

Freshman Maddie Neal plays the cello in alternative strings which is a

class that helps her to expand her musical abilities.

"Alternative strings is more challenging, it's also more work and takes more practice," Neal said.

This was the first year for the class and the first year for playing in the assembly.

"I was a little nervous about playing in front of the entire school, but it is exciting to play at the assembly," Neal said.

**Q:**

- How do I get to do something like that?

**A:**

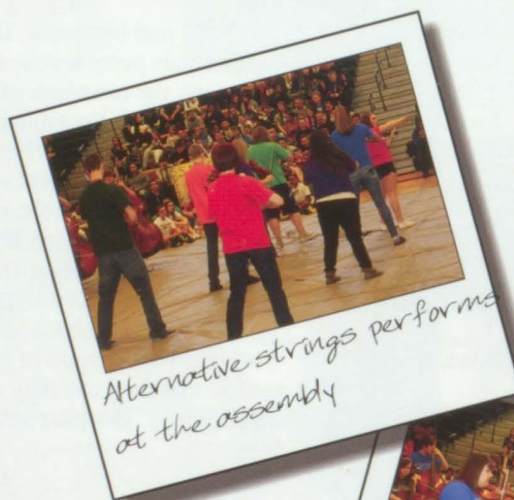
- "For alternative strings, you have to audition."  
- Freshman Maddie Neal

**Q:**

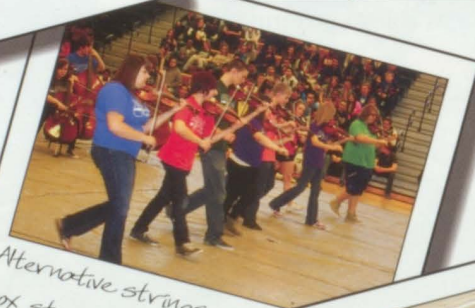
- Do you get to travel for concerts?

**A:**

- "Yes, we get to travel to Merle Hay Mall, retirement homes, and middle schools."  
- Freshman Bethany Swanson



*Alternative strings performs at the assembly*



*Alternative strings box steps to Irish Party*



*The orchestra practices some of their music during class.*

Orchestra teacher Lisa Fried and the orchestra (below) practice a song during class.



# Soprano, Alto, Baritone

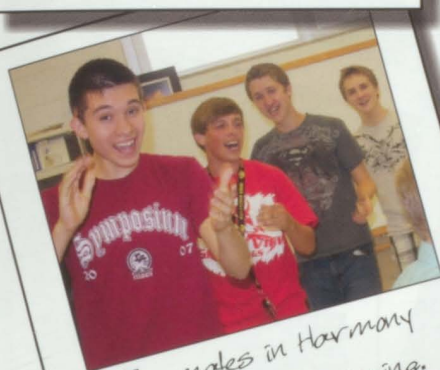
The importance of choir to students.



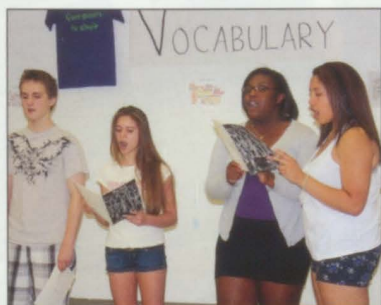
Students in Harmony (above) perform together during the talent show.



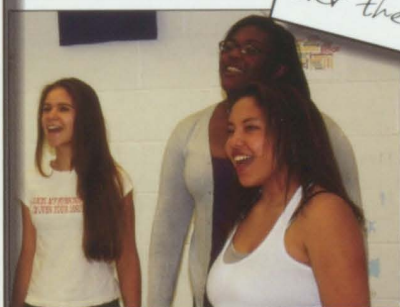
Choir class rehearses their voices.



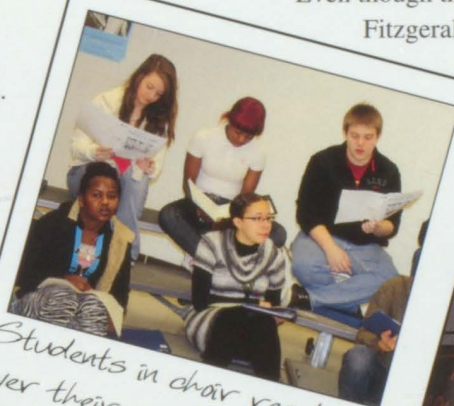
The males in Harmony have fun while singing.



Harmony Choir sings Hey Jude by the Beatles.



Freshman Renee Elliott and junior Ranni Palmer and Marquise Gwenigale singing



Students in choir read over their music.

Junior Antonio Ibarra moved to Iowa right before his freshman year and joined theater. "I wasn't shy anymore. I wanted to do everything I always wanted to do," Ibarra said.

After Ibarra's positive experience with the drama department, he joined concert choir. "I started last year in concert choir, this year I auditioned for Harmony and next year I'll audition for chamber," Ibarra said.

Junior Marquise Gwenigale thinks Harmony choir is more work.

"Being in this class takes a lot of dedication," Gwenigale said.

Ibarra appreciates Harmony choir a little more than concert choir. "Harmony is more advanced. You have to audition. It's more independent in the class. In concert choir, some people are just put in the class. They don't want to do anything," Ibarra said.

Although the students in Harmony

love their class, losing Anna Lee, their previous teacher, at semester really affected the students.

"At first I was really sad. She was a really good teacher," Ibarra said.

Ibarra, however, really likes Choir Teacher Alex Fitzgerald.

"Mr. Fitzgerald is really cool. He gets along with us really well. He gives us a little more freedom," Ibarra said.

Gwenigale thinks the changing of teachers not only affects previously enrolled choir students, but future choir students as well.

"Choir students feel that students don't come out for choir because the teacher is changed every other year," Gwenigale said.

Even though the classes aren't as full as

Fitzgerald would like them to be, he is pleased with the student participation.

"This class isn't as full as it could be but the students that do attend it are

hardworking," Fitzgerald said.



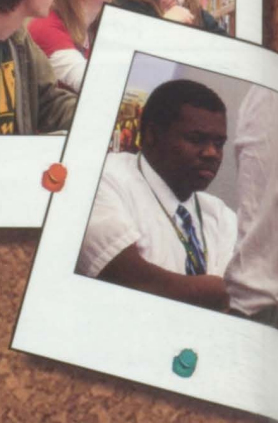
Junior Antonio Ibarra, senior Matt Andorf and junior Josh Joy practice around the piano.



Best  
Buddies Ice  
Skating next  
weekend!

Husky Talk meeting in Mrs. Davison's  
room on Friday

B2B  
Meeting next  
Tuesday!!

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**Congratulations on being  
accepted into the**



*Rugby  
practices  
start Thurs.*

**clubs**

*NHS volunteering  
at Reggie's  
Sleepout, don't  
forget to sign up!*



# ONE on ONE Friendships

## Best Buddies continues to impact lives

Best Buddies is a non profit organization that creates one-to-one friendships for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

The buddies are required to talk to their buddy once a week and spend twice a month together.

One pair of buddies go above and beyond the time requirement. Senior Armin Mesinovic and freshman Michael Szostak are in the program this year. They were matched up as buddies and have formed into good friends.

"He's (Szostak) a nice kid. We have a lot of common interests," Mesinovic said about his buddy.

Szostak likes Mesinovic too.

"He's smart, a good person, trustworthy; he never makes me mad.

He's always a good boy," Szostak said.

Mesinovic and Szostak go to lunch every Thursday and have gone ice skating and bowling.

"(I like) taking him bowling. It's his favorite thing to do. He goes every Saturday," Mesinovic said.

Best Buddies means a little more than a friendship to Szostak.

"I feel like I'm not lost. It's a big school. I'm not getting tardies anymore. I use to because I had nobody. I'm not lost anymore," Szostak said.

The program has influenced Szostak's life in a positive way.

"I feel confident being here; I have friends, twelfth graders, and we go out," Szostak said.

The Best Buddies club (below) groups together for a picture. Ice skating is one of the many activities they do together.



*Freshman Michael Szostak and senior Armin Mesinovic pose for a picture while ice skating.*



Senior Razaz Dieu and junior Nina Loncarevic (above) scoot together for a picture. Juniors Domonique Berry and Elizabeth Lockin pose for a picture. Berry and Lockin spent time together while ice skating with the rest of the Best Buddies.



Junior Keyonna Paige and senior John Nguyen (right) enjoy a snack. Freshmen Olivia Jacobus and Morgan Spring (far right) bundle up for ice skating.



Junior Viera Nguyen, seniors Erna Mahmutovic and Aleksandra Vujicic and junior Erin Dungan (above) hold hands as they skate. Juniors Sydney Swift and Erin Dungan, senior Aleksandra Vujicic, juniors Elizabeth Lockin and Viera Nguyen and senior Erna Mahmutovic (right) spend the meeting together.



# Gay Straight Alliance

Freshman Paden Sheumaker describes Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) as "accepting" and "supporting".

"It's a place where gay and straight people can come together and talk about any issues they want. It's a way to help people feel comfortable," Sheumaker said.

"It's pretty much just a gathering of awesome people," said senior Trey McIntosh with a smile.

McIntosh and Sheumaker both agree that GSA is a place where anyone is welcome to come and share their problems, issues and thoughts.

"It is a very welcoming club and you don't have to be gay to join," McIntosh said.

GSA started meeting second semester once a week, every

Monday after school.

These meetings consist of talking about events coming up that they may be interested in attending, they watch movies, and talk about things that are on their minds.

"We try and think of ideas to do so that more people will join! We need to get the word out better I think," McIntosh said.

The members of GSA post posters around the school to try and advertise their club better.

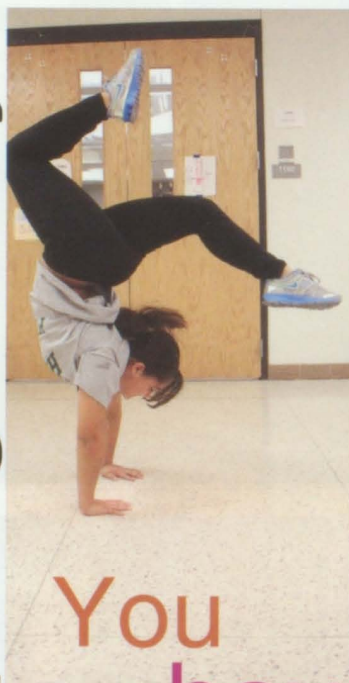
According to research by the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law, one in every 10 individuals is homosexual.

"GO GAY PRIDE," McIntosh said.

Accepting everyone



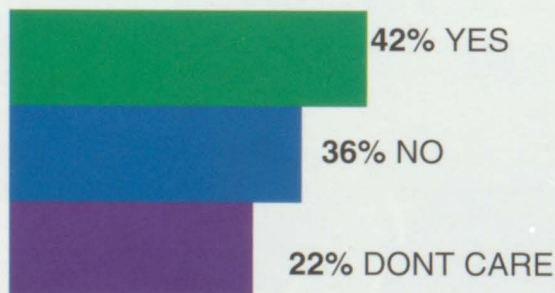
A rainbow painted hand (left) is displayed to support gay pride. Freshman Payden Sheumaker (bottom left) does a flip. Senior Trey McIntosh (below) does a somersault. Sheumaker and McIntosh are both members of GSA.



You  
have  
the right  
to be  
yourself

Q & A

Do you think gay marriage is okay?



(Of 50 students surveyed)





# ONE brother to another...

## Brother-to-Brother



Science teacher and Brother-to-Brother leader Bill Proctor (above and below) talks with the students involved in the group.



*Junior Malik Harris has been a Brother-to-Brother member for three years.*

Brother-to-Brother is a national program for young men to help them figure out and achieve their future goals. The group helps the men make the necessary steps to graduate and go off to college on time. They learn about jobs, scholarship opportunities, and also volunteer in the community.

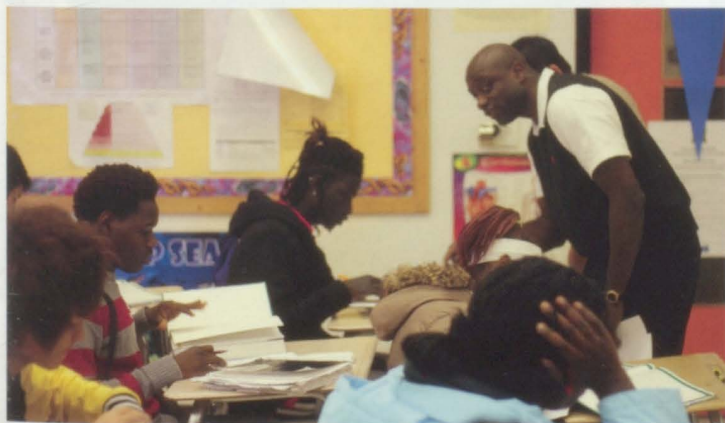
The groups leader, science teacher Bill Proctor, preaches to the guys that more young minorities are in prison than in college. In fact they themselves, in society's eyes, are more likely to go to jail or fail out, then to go to or complete college. But most people don't even know that this group is not only for minorities, there are two young white members who participate in the group.

During the days that the guys meet they are required to dress up in their formal white shirt, black slacks, and powder blue tie. When walking the halls on these days the boys definitely stand out in the crowds. The young men are

respectful, responsible, and very polite. They are required to keep passing grades, they have to dress every other Thursday and must be responsible for their actions outside of the group and in the community. Failure to do so results in first, a warning by the group leader, then members are placed on group probation: excluding them from activities until probation is complete. The last step in being discharged from the group.

Some students feel that the group may ask too much of you and is way too demanding.

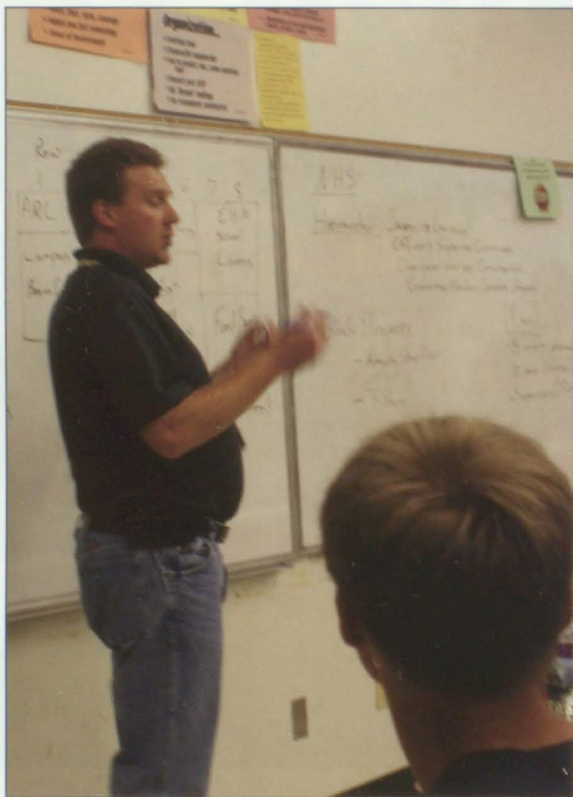
"I am actually glad I joined this group. The group helps me discover new things, from people to colleges. This group is fun and as far as what is expected of you, well, I think these are things that people should already be doing in their lives anyways, so it shouldn't be much of a challenge. I think that more people should join and get a feel for it before they decide they just aren't going to do it," said junior Malik Harris.





# ONE mission

## NHS strives for success.



*English teacher Nick Jackson explains their next project.*

National Honor Society (NHS) is not for everybody since it requires a 3.5 grade point average.

"It can be difficult for some people to maintain 3.5 GPA," senior Melissa Hollister said.

Members need to keep a steady 3.5 GPA their freshman and sophomore years to be even looked at to join the club.

"In this club you volunteer throughout the community and help improve the looks of Hoover High School," Hollister said.

Students can only be in the club their junior and senior years. Meetings are twice a month on Tuesdays. In these meetings NHS members discuss what they are going to do for each project.

Senior Armin Mesinovic agrees with Hollister on this club being a little more difficult for others.

"I have all of my requirements so it's not difficult for me," Mesinovic said.

Having friends in the club makes an impact also.

"I have a lot of friends in there, but a majority of them are girls,"

Mesinovic said.

Some students feel that being in NHS is a wonderful opportunity.

Senior Miranda Murr felt honored and excited when she got her application.

"It's an honor to be in this club," Murr said.

"I am excited to see how this year goes, and to learn more about the community," Murr said.



*Senior Armin Mesinovic gets his head in the books.*



*Senior Laura Hollister takes notes. This is her second year being in NHS.*



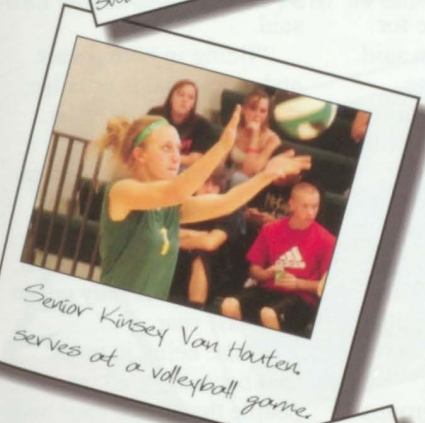
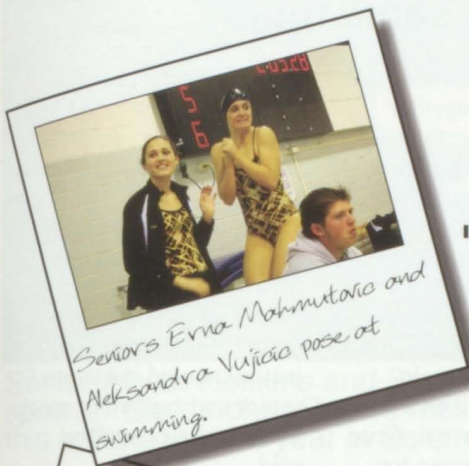
*NHS members work together to better our school. They meet every other Tuesday.*





# ONE Goal

"Inspiring and shaping the future of our youth"



Having leadership, being involved, staying motivated, having character and responsibility are all traits used to describe National Council on Youth Leadership (NCYL).

"Being in NCYL shows that I'm resilient as a youth leader in my community and my school," senior Erna Mahmutovic said.

Mahmutovic is one of twelve students from Hoover who were selected to be in NCYL.

In order to be classified as a member students had to fill out applications, write an essay, get recommendation letters and have an interview with the NCYL committee.

"Not everybody from our school is in it. And it shows that I am a leader in our school" Senior Aleksandra Vujicic said.

"(NCYL is) Students who are known to be leaders in our school, someone who people look up to, smart, and involved a lot

in school." Vujicic said.

"It is a way for different leaders in our community to show how we can make a difference." Mahmutovic said.

These students had a conference Sept. 20, where they learned about becoming outstanding leaders, listened to different speakers and met a lot of new people.

"I feel like the first day was a set up" senior Laura Hollister said.

"It was fun but the second day was so boring. It will always be something to remember though." Hollister added.

Hollister, Mahmutovic and Vujicic all agreed that they wished that they would meet more often.

"Its like we just sign up and we're done," Hollister said.

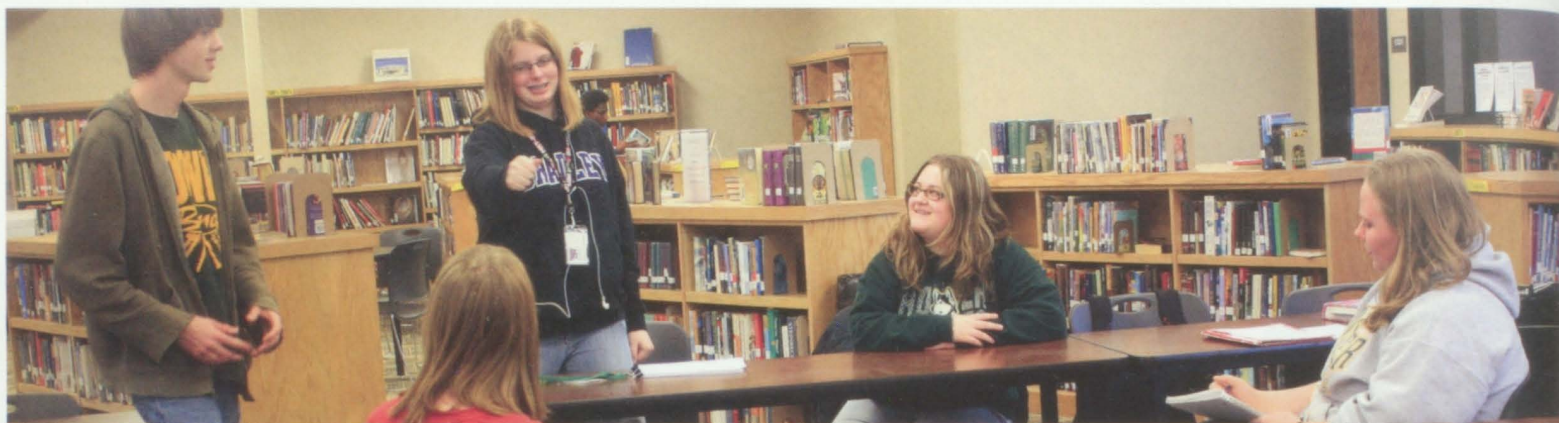
NCYL can be a great leadership recognition for all students if they push themselves to become their best.

Our leaders

Erna Mahmutovic  
Aleksandra Vujicic  
Kinsey Van Houten  
Melissa Hollister  
Katie Steingrabe  
Jorin Augustine

Christina Tran  
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Miranda Murr  
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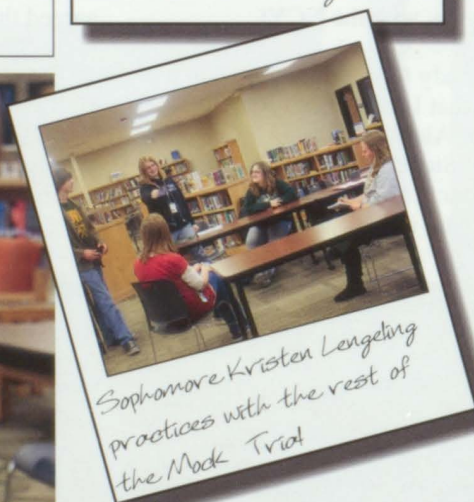
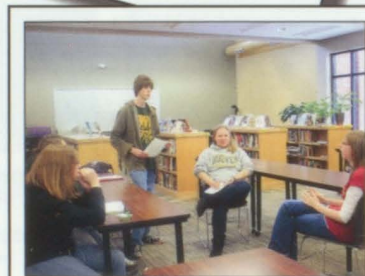
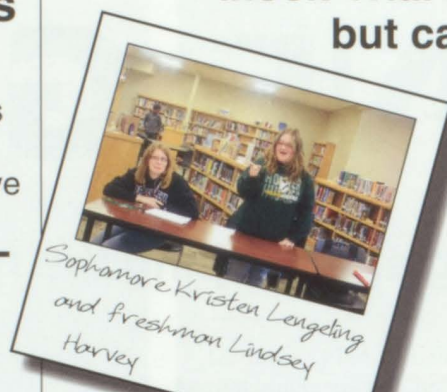
## Mock trial and debate strive to be number ONE

### Argument Methods

1. When answering questions as the witness, keep your answers short. No need to give background detail.
2. It's always a good idea to pause before you answer so that the one questioning you doesn't have control, you have control.
3. Since you are in control, you also can ask to refer to your attorney, or ask for a break if you're getting worn down.

Source:  
[www.trialskillsalive.com](http://www.trialskillsalive.com)

### Mock Trial and debate are be different but can use the same tools



Senior Merisa Lengeling (left) sits and listens during a mock trial meeting.

Last year, mock trial and debate worked together and practiced together. Now, mock trial practices are separate from debate and on different days, yet the same speech concepts help out both.

"In mock trial you are given all the facts and you have to pull from it. In debate, you're given a topic and you have to write a bill, and then argue for it," junior Ann Strom said.

They don't work so closely together anymore, but the people within both groups interact a lot so mock trial usually knows about debate and vice-versa.

"Mock trial and debate can be intertwined within each other because both use the same speech techniques and the groups of people in both are also all pretty good friends and so we all talk about it with each other and stuff," Strom said.

To other people, it can seem like they're the same but all in all they are pretty different.

"One time when we were in a scrimmage, I was the mom: a witness for a case, (sophomore) Tyler Bainter said he didn't have a mom, and he basically just got us all impeached," Strom said.

Strom talks about how close everyone gets

throughout the process, even when they're all frustrated with each other; it helps the flow during the trial.

"A funny moment during a mock trial one time was when an attorney asked, 'Was it dark at night?' Sometimes they just ask stupid questions," senior and captain of mock trial Merisa Lengeling said.

"Being in both debate and mock trial is possible; it's just a lot more work. You have to be able to manage your time," Strom said.

No one is currently in both debate and mock trial, Bainter was the only one in both last year.

"I like being in mock trial because of all the people that are in there and watching everybody grow throughout the process," Lengeling said.

"My favorite memory of mock trial is last year; we had a scrimmage against Johnston and Brenna joined the week of our scrimmage as a witness. She didn't have any time to memorize the case at all and during the scrimmage she was flipping through all of the papers trying to answer the questions. It was pretty funny," Strom said.





# And then there was **ONE**

Science Bound has one senior who stayed committed



Senior Aliyah Hoskins and Science Bound sponsor Christopher Sellers rock Iowa State gear; this is Hoskins last year in Science Bound.

Hard work, determination and commitment are what it takes to have the opportunity to get recognition for Science Bound.

Science Bound is Iowa State University's premier pre-college program to increase the number of ethnically diverse Iowa students who pursue careers in agricultural, scientific, technical, engineering or mathematics. The program draws students with potential in middle schools and high schools from different cities in Iowa.

Academic support lab teacher Christopher Sellers is one of the sponsors for Science Bound. He is there to make sure the Science Bound participants are on the right track to receive the scholarship.

"I check their grades and attendance constantly to make sure their on the right track. We also have days where we just do homework and if they need help, I'll help them," Sellers said.

With only one senior this year the rest of them

will have to step it up.

"A lot of the younger kids look up to her (Aliyah Hoskins) because she's been in it the longest," sophomore Savannah Onley said.

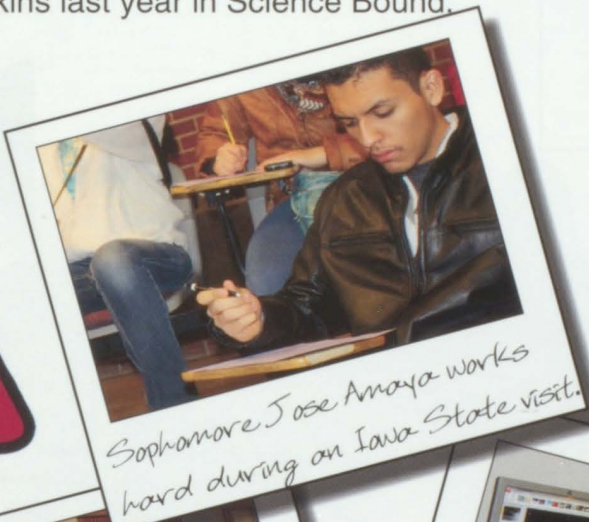
"It takes a lot to be in Science Bound," senior Aliyah Hoskins said.

She has been in Science Bound for four years and loves it.

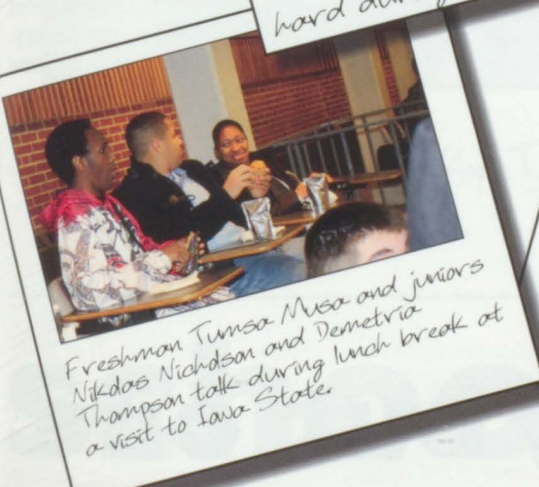
"We go to Iowa State and shadow people in our profession; it's really fun" Hoskins said.

Some of the participants in Science Bound say that this program gave them a sense of committing to something and giving it their all; not only for the scholarship but because it makes them a better person.

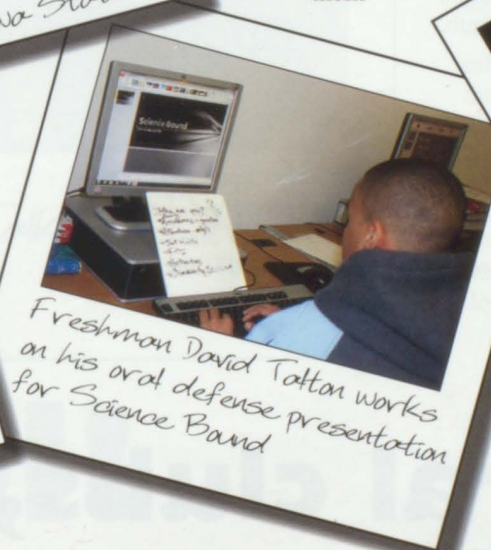
"I wouldn't want all of my hard work go to waste, so of course I stay committed," Onley said.



Sophomore Jose Amaya works hard during an Iowa State visit.



Freshman Tumsa Musa and juniors Nikolas Nicholson and Demetria Thompson talk during lunch break at a visit to Iowa State.



Freshman David Tattan works on his oral defense presentation for Science Bound



Junior Nikolas Nicholson, sophomore Andrea Rider and freshman Mario Cruz play chess.



# Q: How many clubs???



*Academic Decathlon*

## Academic Decathlon:

Science teacher Eric Hall is sponsors Academic Decathlon (AD).

Each year, the advisory board selects a different topic, which was Latin American history.

AD starts in October and ends in January, and senior Miranda Murr was the president.

Interviews are conducted on Thursdays, followed be a speech. Fridays include quizzes over economics, English and literature, including a super quiz consisting of an oral and written test for math and science.

Members are required to have a have a 2.85 GPA.

## Sisters For Success:

Study hall supervisor Patricia Dunbar is in charge along with assistant is Vernessa Wilder. All black and African-American women or descendants thereof can join. Meetings are held at Meredith Middle School at 1:15 p.m. on the first, second and third Wednesdays of the month.

## Rugby:

Seniors Michael Turner and Roger Orr and a few coaches are in charge of the sport. Rugby season is about two months long (April-May), but it's played year 'round across the world. Last year, a few juniors, including Turner and Orr, were recruited by Bill Cooney and decided to give it a try; now its a club.

## Husky Talk:

The president is junior Avery Jackson , with senior Brittney Reed (vice-president) and senior Takieyah Wells (treasurer).

Their motto is to "defy the odds" by creating posters and sharing unknown facts every day about black history.

One goal includes creating an African-American studies course, by starting a petition for the class.

The club meets in social science teacher Amber Davison's room or the library.

Join to discuss important contemporary societal issues.

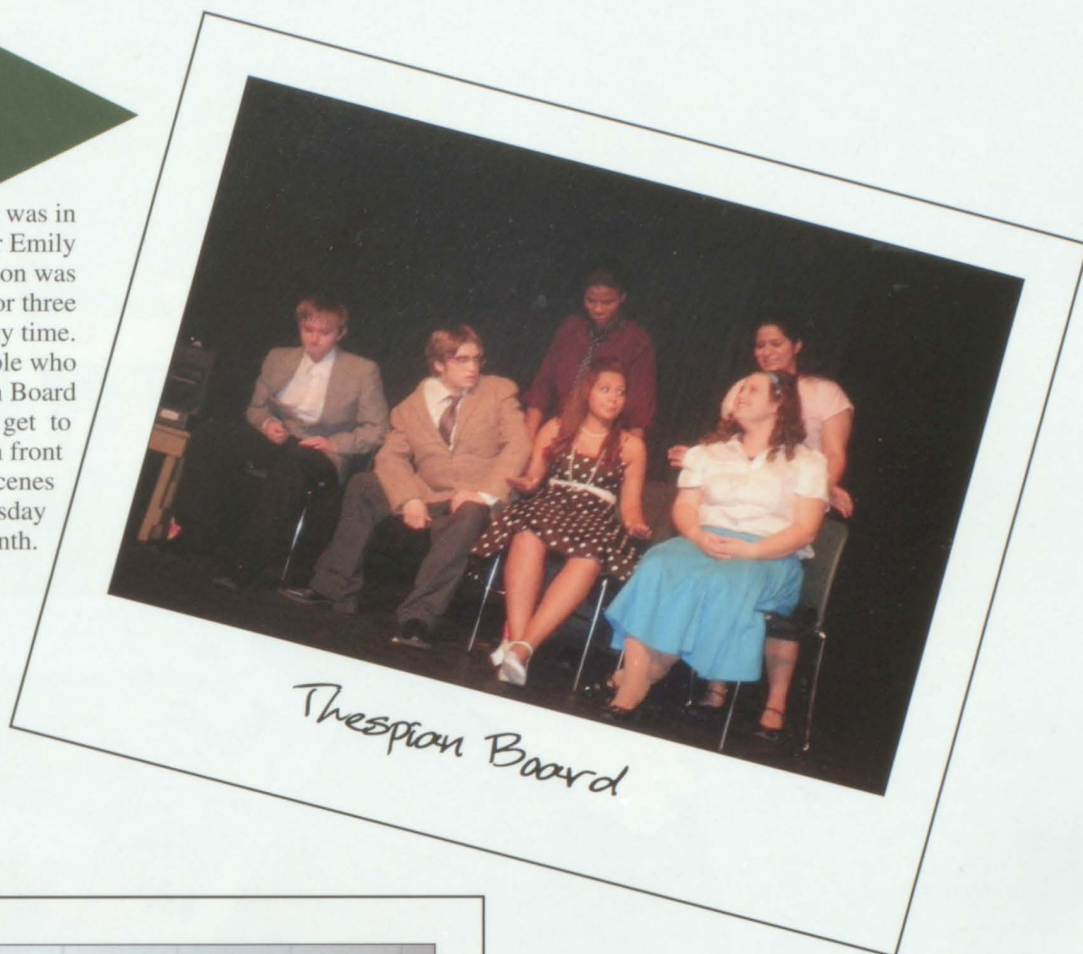
# A: Several clubs, but one



## Thespian Board:

The president senior Jay Jacobson was in charge, but the drama teacher Emily Griffin is the sponsor. Jacobson was involved in Thespian Board for three years. Anyone can join at any time.

Thespian club is mostly for people who enjoy drama and theater. Thespian Board is a good way to make friends and get to be a part of theater without being in front of the crowd. They're behind the scenes kind of guys. They meet one Thursday every month.



*Husky Talk*

## Young Moms Group:

Sophomore Rhaniesha Claytor, 15, has a one-year-old son and attends the Young Moms Group in the library every other Monday.

Claytor said she gets enough help with her child, because she lives at home with mom, but she doesn't have a car so her mom takes her to the baby's appointments.

Claytor recommends the moms' group to other mothers, and said the women who advise the group are nice and help out a lot with any questions she has.

Students can bring their children to group and can discuss any concerns they might have about child development.

"My plans are to go to college and be the best mom I can be to my son, and not have to depend on anyone but myself," Claytor said.

# school!



"Basketball is real similar to life and it prepares you for all of life's obstacles"  
 Senior Dwight Sistrunk

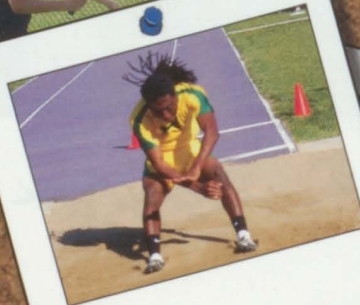
"I like that we (the tennis team) are all pretty much at the same skill level so every practice we get better individually. It's fun to see everyone's improvement."  
 Senior Jessica Gist

"Bawling isn't always about you, it's a team sport and everyone on the team is needed to make it."  
 Freshman Tanner Peeler

"Hitting people, scoring touchdowns, tackling, being part of a team, it's really fun."  
 Senior Cody Pifer

"My favorite thing about softball is that i get to play the sport i love and be with friends all summer."  
 Freshman Zoe Wisler

"Swimming is a family. You join together and become brothers."  
 Freshman Matt Schwarz





# GO TEAM

"When someone asks you what you're willing to do, whatever it takes. Are (soccer) coach started that."  
-Senior Samedin Sinanovic

"It was a good experience for me to be coached (in golf) under Mr. Cochran."  
-Junior Tyler Gilbreath

My favorite thing about track is that you can see the benefits from putting in work, like seconds off time and stuff  
-Junior Matt Pearson

## ports

"My favorite thing is the physical challenge. In wrestling it's all up to yourself if you win or lose and you can only blame yourself for whatever happens in a match."  
-Junior Josiah Burrida

"Since we (the baseball team) are all good friends, it allows us to play better as a team."  
-Senior Daniel Peterson

"I like cross country because it's not just running, you have to pace yourself and run on different surfaces. It's more complicated than it looks."  
-Junior Kayli Flynn

"(Cheerleading) is fun. No matter our differences we come together as a team."  
-Junior Rena Knutson



# New people, new coaches,

Football is usually a main point in high school Homecoming and here is no exception. For a while the school has had a bad winning average but the new coach is hoping that will all change.

With new coach Will Siffin, things may take a turn for the better. It's safe to say that the school and football team have great faith in him.

Most players have said that he is a great coach and that he really helps them figure out what they're doing wrong so that they can improve.

"The football team should have more coaches so that everyone on their team gets more 'one-on-one' time and knows what they are supposed to do," junior Kevin Slaughter said.

Football only has two teams, Varsity and freshmen.

"They should (have more teams) because most sophomores don't get any playing time because there are so

many people crammed into one team," sophomore Ben Mitchell said.

"If the teams were separated, then everyone would get playing time and more people may join since there would be more spots to fill," senior Nick Johnston said.

Some students believe that the upperclassmen play better than freshmen because they are more experienced most times but,

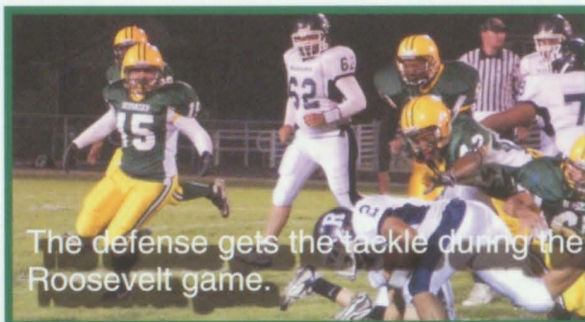
"The freshman are better because they play more together as a team than the varsity boys do," Slaughter said.

Some people may think that this sport would be time consuming and would have players extremely tired. Most players say that once they have practiced for a while their bodies become used to it, more like a routine than a tiring practice every day.

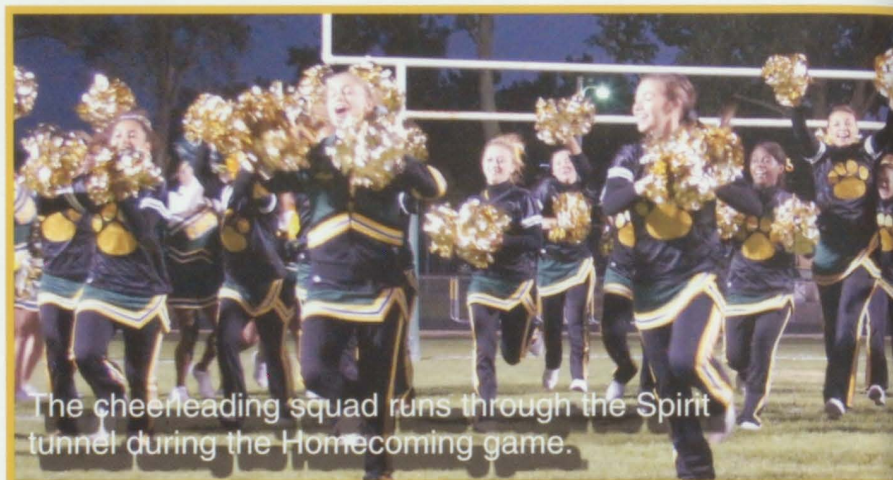
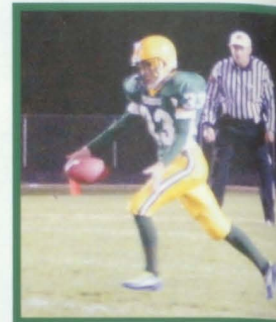
Many students have high hopes for the season

and hope with the new coach the team will have a good year, a competitive team and a proud season.

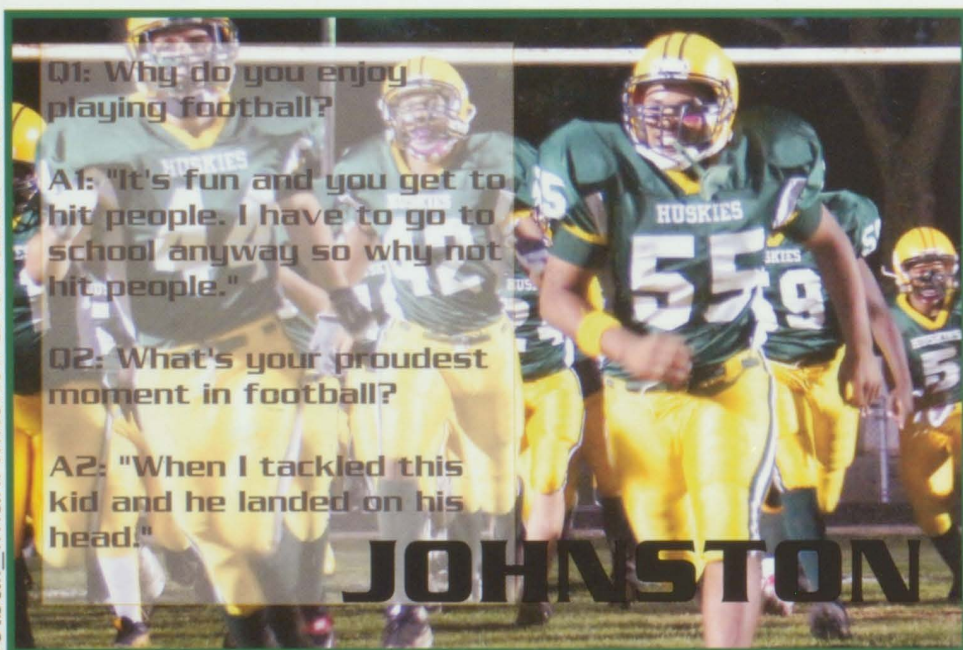
# ONE



The defense gets the tackle during the Roosevelt game.



The cheerleading squad runs through the Spirit tunnel during the Homecoming game.



**Q1: Why do you enjoy playing football?**

**A1: "It's fun and you get to hit people. I have to go to school anyway so why not hit people."**

**Q2: What's your proudest moment in football?**

**A2: "When I tackled this kid and he landed on his head."**

# JOHNSTON



Sophomore James Burton goes for the tackle.



Senior Jay Jacobson runs the school colors.

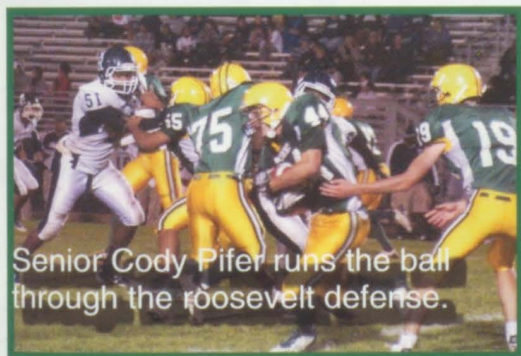


# team

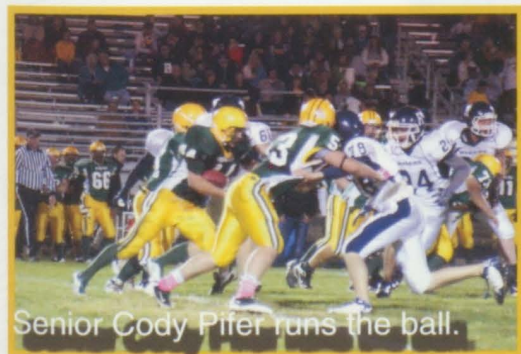
Junior Colton Ruesegger is ready to punt.



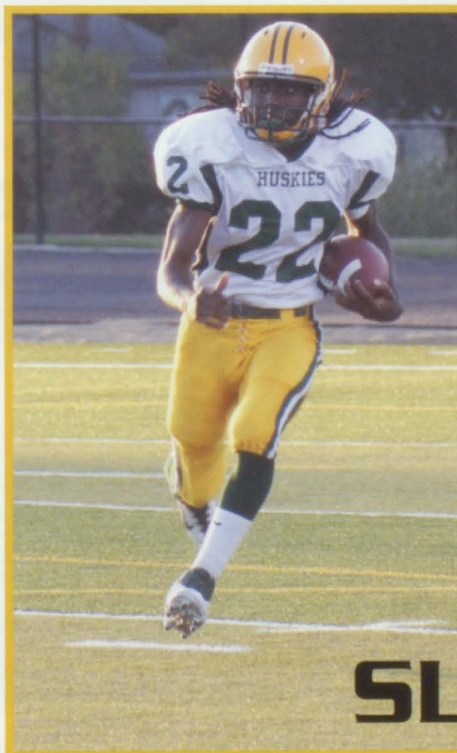
*The team lines up for the National Anthem.*



Senior Cody Pifer runs the ball through the Roosevelt defense.



Senior Cody Pifer runs the ball.



**Q: Do you think that football is necessary in high school?**

**A: "Yes, Because when people think about high school they think football."**

**Q: How do you think football differs from other sports?**

**A: "It has the most contact in all sports."**

**SLAUGHTER**

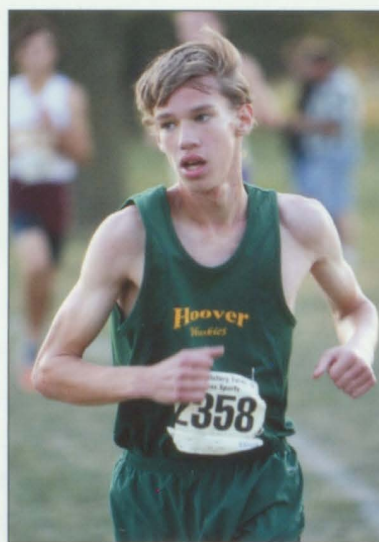


# Pushing for the **BIG ONE**

Cross country runners push for their personal bests!



*Sophomore Jessica Shields and freshman Kaetlin Math close to the finish.*



*Sophomore captain Ben Bourland finishing the race.*



*Senior captain*



*Junior Chris DeJooode near the end of a race with an opponent close behind.*



*Junior John Overton turning the corner. One lap to go.*

## Varsity Boys Times

Ben Bourland 17:07  
Jonathan Overton 21:28  
Sean Good 22:35  
Andrew Morgan 26:54  
Christopher DeJooode 27:40  
Steven Swartz 27:42  
Owen Geiken 27:57

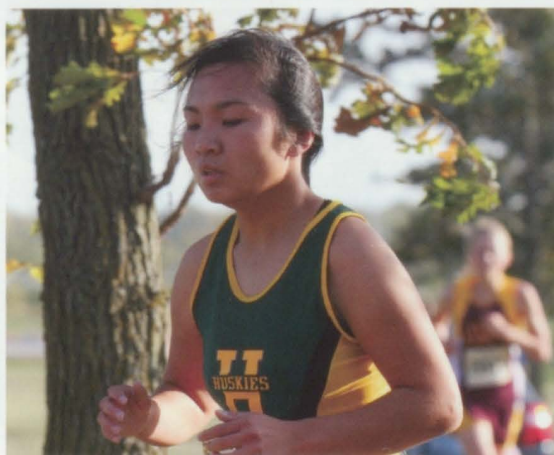




*Breanna Rodriguez is racing to the finish line.*

## Varsity Girls Times

Bethany Swanson 18:37  
Breanna Rodriguez 18:47  
Riley Mortenson 19:08  
Kayli Flynn 21:53  
Emma Miller 21:55  
Erin Atchison 21:59  
Kaitlin Math 23:03



The cross country team consisted of seven boys and seven girls, down from a team of 24 last year. The remaining runners then must push themselves to their absolute limits.

"I dropped 2 ½ minutes from last year's ending meet to my first meet," sophomore Ben Bourland said. Bourland is captain of the boys team.

For those still on the team, it was about improvement. All of the runners on the team have been continuing to drop time.

"Listening to music and thinking positive prepares me for meets," senior Breanna Rodriguez said. Rodriguez is captain of the girls team.

Captains are crucial for a winning team. Captains are in charge of where the team has and her workouts.

"I mainly work out on my own time during the summer and after school," Bourland said. Workouts help make sure the team is healthy and ready for their next meet.

"Ben and Breanna are great captains," junior, Christopher DeJoode said.

Runners are pushing for the big one, districts.



Mid-race for sophomores Andrea Rider (above) and Julie Penton (left). With the race half over it's time to push it.



# One Last Moment

Players and coaches spill about their most embarrassing moments, and their greatest.

The crowds are cheering, adrenaline is pumping through the veins, up goes the spike... and the ball flies on by. No one is free from the wrath of embarrassing moments, whether it be player or coach.

Sophomore Samantha Robinson is no exception. One practice she came to realize just how physically harming volleyball could be.

"My most embarrassing moment would have to be when I dove for a ball, missed and face planted," Robinson said. "I'm not very graceful."

Varsity coach Jonathan Rubino has had his share of embarrassing moments over his eight years of coaching.

Though his moments usually won't involve bodily harm, like it does for his players, they can still make him feel embarrassed.

"I would say (my most embarrassing moment) was calling a timeout when we were out of timeouts and costing the team a point," Rubino said.

Embarrassing moments though can be overlooked, though, when thinking about the great moments.

"I don't know if there is just one moment that stands out, but winning the Saydel Invitational this year certainly ranks right up there," Rubino said.

Rubino isn't the only one who's greatest moment is winning games.

"My favorite moment would have to be winning a game," Robinson said. "It gives you such a sense of accomplishment."

Rubino has had girls come and go as a volleyball coach, and though his favorite moment

was winning the Invitational, his general favorite moment is more heartfelt.

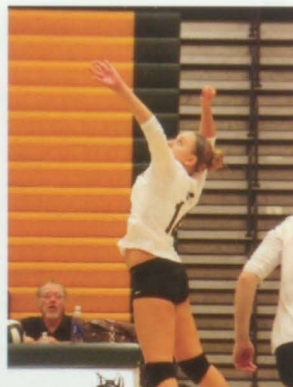
"Getting to know the different personalities of the players in the program and watching them develop into competitive volleyball players has been exciting," Rubino said.



Senior Amber Gaumer (above) dives for a ball during pre-game warm-ups. Junior Nyakat Diew (below) sets the ball to another teammate.



Senior Sunday Duop swings for a kill. Duop was captain.



Senior McKenna Brown (left) goes up to hit the ball.



Junior Rachel McPherson (right) serves.



# "ONE is better than none as I always say"

## -Senior Alyxis Beltz

Freshman Tanner Peeler (below) high fives his teammates after he completes a frame.



"One time at practice, David accidentally hit Ryan's leg with his leg, so when Ryan was done bowling, he went up to David and just kicked him and walked away like nothing happened. It was the funniest thing ever!" senior Kinsey Van Houten said.

Senior David Reirson describes bowling as a fun game you can play while talking to people and relaxing.

Bowling meets start off with two teams to a lane. The teams switch lanes with each other after every frame. Each bowler gets two practice balls per lane. The bowlers bowl two singles games and five bakers.

A baker's game includes five teammates bowling a game together. Each teammate gets two frames, for example, the first bowler would get the first and sixth frame, and the second bowler would bowl the second and seventh frame, and so on.

The boy's team went on to State.

"We went to State for the first time in years," senior Benjamin Phillips said.

However, Phillips didn't expect to win State.

"I didn't expect any miracles. We went to state and got a banner," Phillips said.

Junior Heather Hodges was the only girl from the girls team to qualify for State. The coaches depended on Hodges a lot this year.

"When other people struggle, they (the coaches) depended on me to keep the team up," Hodges said.

The boys team is looking for new bowlers.

"We need new bowlers or we won't have a team next year," freshman Tanner Peeler said.

"Anyone can try out. Just show up and you will pretty much be accepted. It's easy to pick up a ball and throw it down a lane. It's something anybody can do," Phillips said.

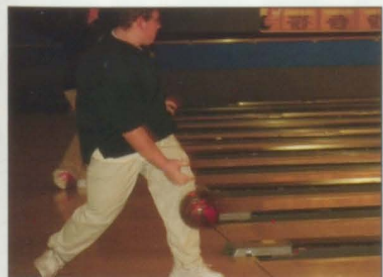
Senior Kinsey Van Houten (left) rolls the ball down the alley in attempt to pick up her spare.



Coach Scott Lundholm (left) talks to the boys team before a meet.



Junior Heather Hodges gets a pep talk from her coach.

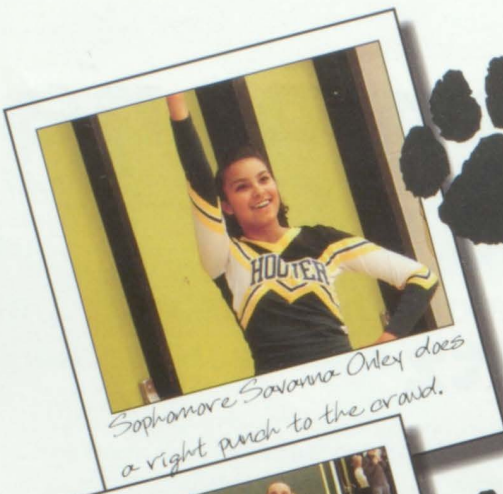


Senior Camron Vangundy rolls the ball down the alley.

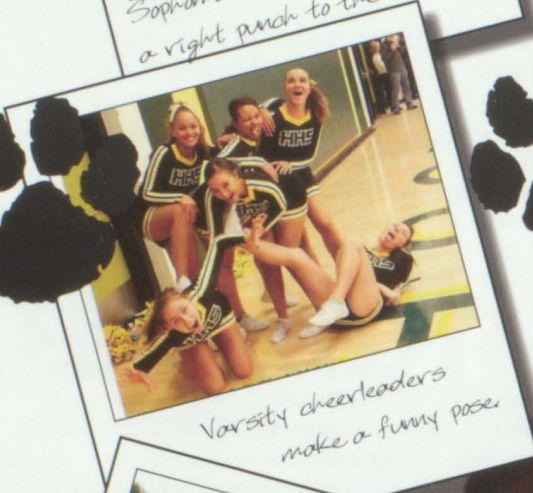


Senior David Reirson (middle) approaches the lane. Senior Breanna Rodriguez looks up at her score after her turn.

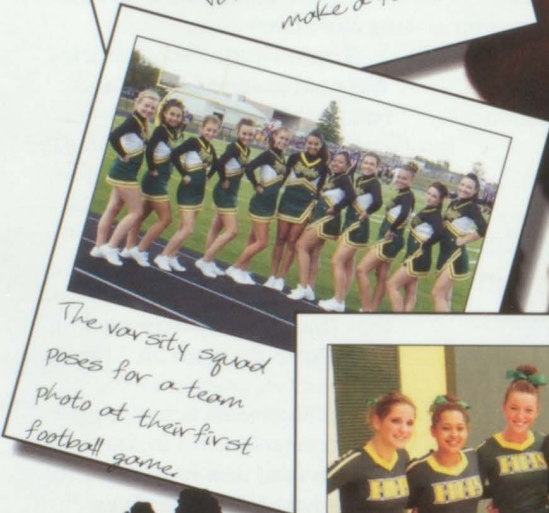




Sophomore Savanna Onley does a right punch to the crowd.



Varsity cheerleaders make a funny pose.



The varsity squad poses for a team photo at their first football game.



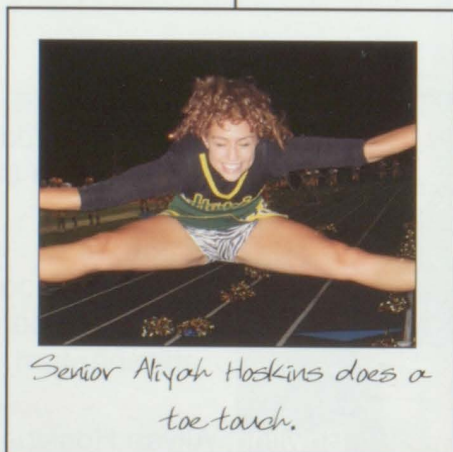
JV cheerleaders pose for a team picture.



JV and freshmen pose for team photo.



JV cheerleaders pump up the crowd with a crowd cheer.



Senior Aliyah Hoskins does a toe touch.



Freshman Morgan Spring smiles for the camera.



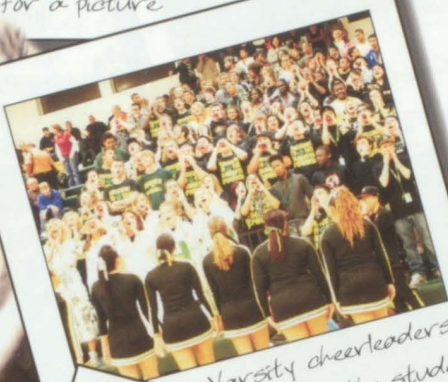
Senior Katie Steingrobe stands on the track.



# Striving to be ONE!



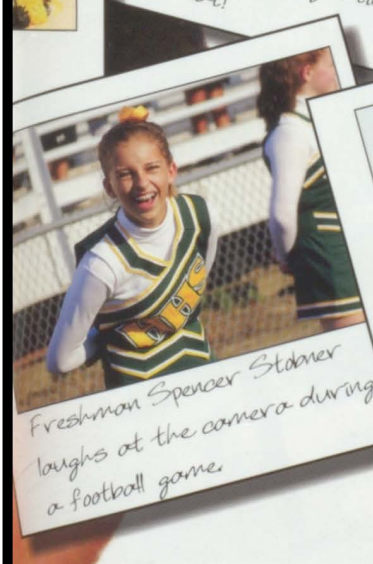
The cheerleaders act silly while posing for a picture



Varsity cheerleaders lead the student section



Senior Jaim Augustine ready to eat!



Freshman Spencer Stobner laughs at the camera during a football game.



Junior Taylor Sullivan stands in a prep.



Varsity Cheerleaders do a crowd cheer.



Varsity cheerleaders do push ups after a touchdown.

Having positive attitudes, confidence and a lot of dedication is what it takes to be a varsity cheerleader, but do all of those traits show in every girl on the squad?

"The other cheerleaders and their attitudes make me not want to be a cheerleader" said senior Katie Steingrabe.

"The attitudes are awful and people have issues with every single thing," Steingrabe said.

Because of the constant disagreements, the cheerleaders held a meeting on how to make improvements on attitudes.

"The meeting didn't help. No matter how much we argue, no one will ever understand both sides. We can't move on from things that aren't settled," Steingrabe said.

The cheerleaders have a lot of responsibilities and 15 different opinions. Making decisions is a challenge.

Junior Rena Knutson said making decisions about everything is what most of the squads' arguments are about, and the disagreements really don't get

settled.

"The attitudes on the squad cause most of the conflicts. People think that they're all that," said sophomore Savannah Onley.

"People need to just bite their tongues sometimes," she said.

Everyone deserves their spot on varsity, Knutson said, but also says the judging wasn't fair.

"We had judges who didn't know what they were doing," Knutson said.

"Everyone deserves their spot but there are people who aren't on varsity that should be," she said.

Steingrabe agreed the judging was not fair.

"The judges didn't have much cheerleading experience and the scores got leaked, which is not fair," Steingrabe said.

"As years have gone on, people have less and less respect, talent has gone down and the work ethic has gone down" she said.



# Diving to be ONE

Seventy-five percent of our planet is water - can you swim?  
Author Unknown

Swimmers concerned on why many students don't come to swim meets.

"Show some school support; come to the swim meets!"

Andrew Gamble

"With so many people saying it couldn't be done, all it takes is an imagination."

Michael Phelps

Sophomore Andrew Gamble has been swimming ever since he was in fourth grade.

"It's really fun and it's a lot of payoff," Gamble said.

Even though swimming is not as easy as many people think, Gamble always tries his best and goes his fastest.

"Yes our team is a lot smaller than others in state, but we do the best we can," Gamble said.

Getting up at 5 a.m. for practice, going to school, and then some practice after school until 5:15 p.m. gets the boys really tired.

"Coming to practice on time and finishing it is the hardest part. Swimming is the hardest sport; it works every muscle in your body especially your respiratory system. Football is more about just muscle and building it up but swimming is different," Gamble said.

Gamble has played football as well. Even though the boys do their best, not many students come and support them at their

meets.

"Parents do come, but not too many students do. No matter how many students come to my swim meets, I will always go my fastest," Gamble said.

To Gamble it doesn't make a difference. The coach and teammates push them really hard. Sometimes the boys will say things like, "I'm tired" or any other lazy excuses but it doesn't happen too often.

"We are all so close, if one of us got injured, we'd all be worried. It all just depends on who you are and what level you are in swimming," Gamble said.

To a few of the swimmers, the support from the crowd helps them; it motivates them to keep swimming from beginning to end.

"Finishing the race feeling is the best, no matter if you lost or won just that feeling you get when you finish it," Gamble said.

## Q&A



**Andrew Gamble**

**Q:** What is the hardest part of swimming?

**A:** "Coming to practice, and finishing practice."

**Q:** What is the easiest part of swimming?

**A:** "It's really not that easy, it's harder then it looks."



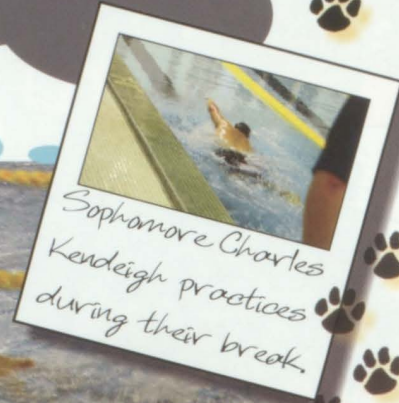
**Charles Kendeigh**

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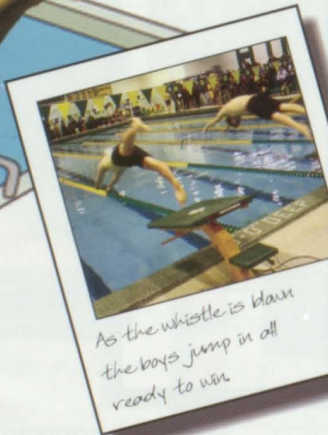
**A:** "Workouts in the morning, sit-ups and repeating everything all over again."

**Q:** What is the easiest part of swimming?

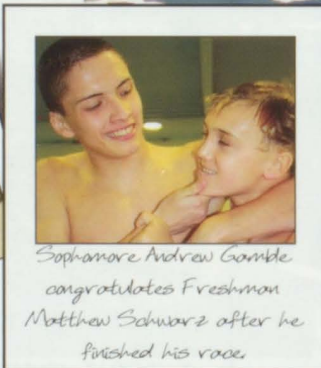
**A:** "Doing free-styles and laps."



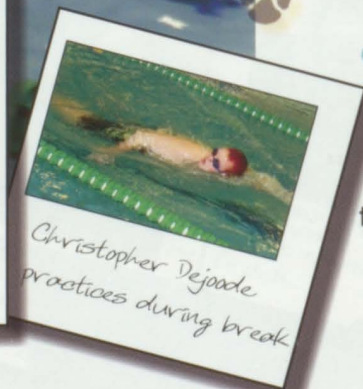
Sophomore Charles Kendeigh practicing during their break.



As the whistle is blown the boys jump in all ready to win.



Sophomore Andrew Gamble congratulates Freshman Matthew Schwarz after he finished his race.



Christopher Dejoade practicing during break.



# New Coach, New Faces, ONE Pool ONE Team



*Sophomore Anna Burriola getting ready for a race.*

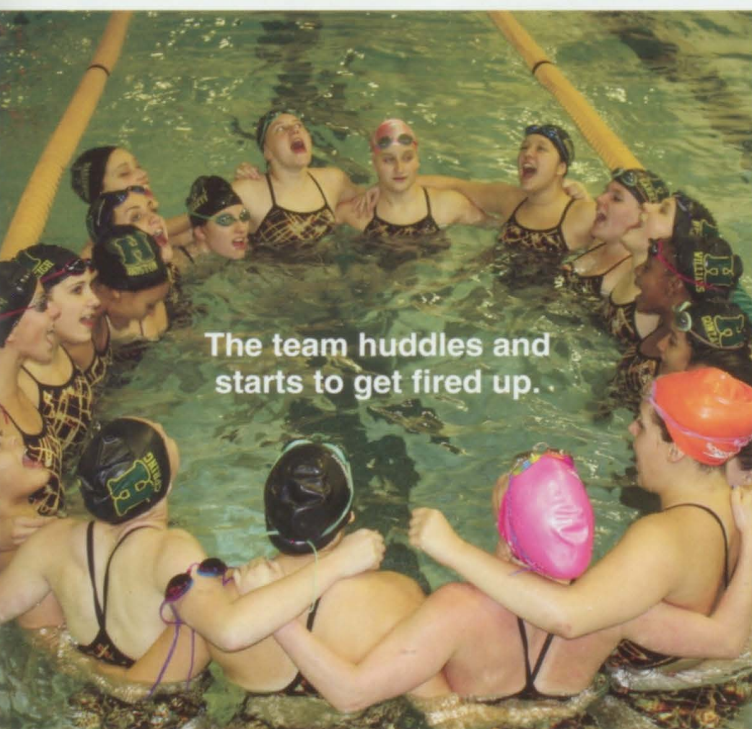
## Q & A with Anna Burriola

**Q:** Whats the worst moment you've had swimming?

**A:** "One time I got really freaked out because my goggles snapped and when I went to get new ones they called my race."



*Junior Julia Henry dives into the water.*



**The team huddles and starts to get fired up.**

Girls swimming is one of the more ignored sports among the student body.

"We win a lot more than the football team and none of the administrators ever come to our meets," senior Mahagony Stanton said.

Sophomore Anna Burriola, junior Savannah James and Stanton are all swimmers who have been swimming for 4-6 years. They all enjoy the people who they swim with for the most part.

According to Stanton the time commitment for swimming is rigorous.

"They want you to be there every day of your life and do nothing more than swimming," she said.

The swimming team consists of three different levels, freshman, JV and varsity.

"The upperclassmen are not necessarily better than the freshmen; we have a lot of good freshmen and

upperclassmen, so it evens itself out," Burriola said.

"It takes a lot of physical, mental strength," she said.

"Swimming takes courage, determination and believing in yourself to be a good swimmer," Stanton said.

The new swimming coach is Dave Lipoid.

"I love him, and he focuses on your weaknesses and makes the practices for us more challenging," Burriola said.

"He's stricter than the last coach," James said.

But they do consider him to be a better coach.

"He's not as annoying and he's less serious; he doesn't sit there and take pictures every second," Stanton said.

"Swimming is a great sport but the problem is people like to complain, and it is hard to be on a team with a bunch of girls but in the end it's fun and all worth it," Stanton said.



*To get ready for the meet, the team does warm-up cheers.*



# ONE shot, ONE team: ONE dream

## Boys give everything to live up to expectations from last year

The basketball team has filled the bleachers for years. The team is following up the 23-3 season last year. The boys made it to State and lost the championship game, which gave hope to the team.

The head coach is Courtney Henderson. Most of the players from last year have graduated and are in college. This opens new opportunities for the others that were on the team and allows the freshmen get a chance to earn playing time too.

"We have a lot of young players and a lot of growing to do from the beginning of the season to playoffs, but we can get there as far as State; I'm pretty optimistic," said assistant coach Billy Proctor.

"We have a few veterans like seniors Dwight Sistrunk, Cameron Woods, Louie Ingoli, Omar Lamar, and Zach Doyle that have been playing ball together for years. Also they can help teach the younger guys at the same time were coaching which makes it a bit easier," Proctor said.

The boys on the team,

Head coach Courtney Henderson (below) gives the team directions during a time out. Junior Gatlat Young (right) goes up for the tip off during the game against Urbandale. The Urbandale game was the first game of the season.

especially the seniors, have played basketball together for years, whether it was in school or shooting hoops together, and seem to be dedicated to the sport and love the game.

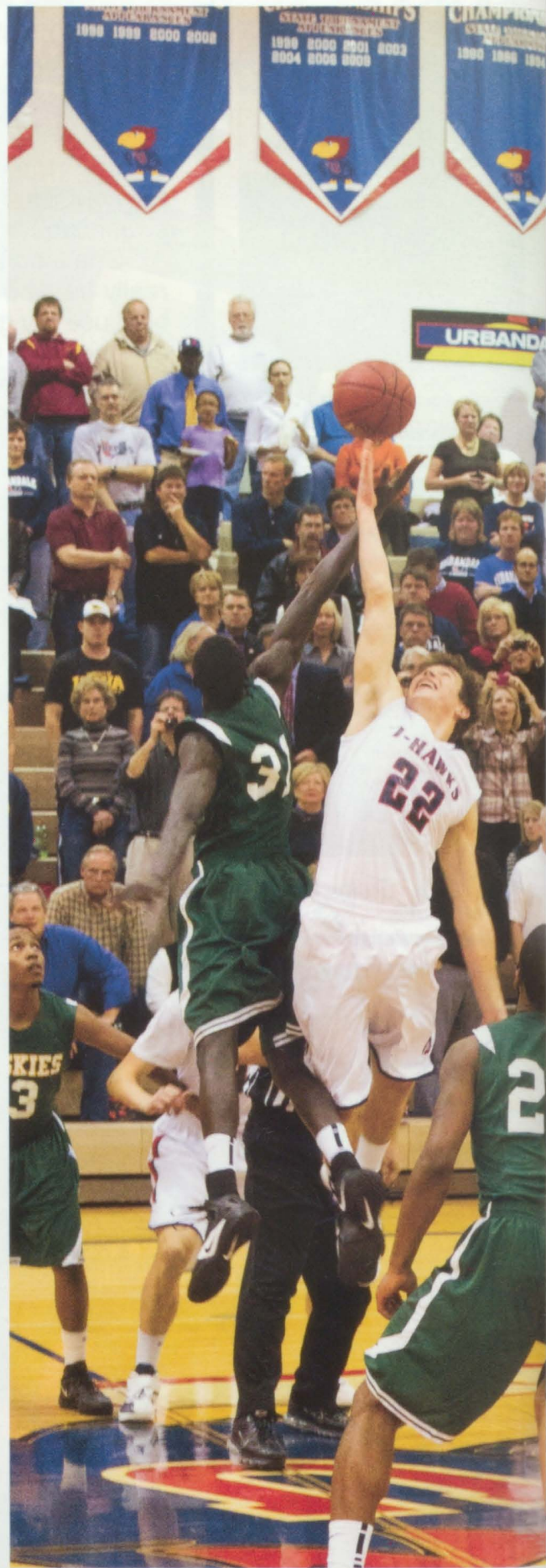
To prove further dedication, Sistrunk goes to the YMCA whenever he has spare time to perfect his dribbling and shooting for the games. Some of the boys struggle with having to go to practice and still keep up with their school work.

"It gives you something to look forward to, it makes you look forward to homework too," Ingoli said.

This year there are several freshmen that dress for the varsity games. Rakim Tullis and Chris King both frequently get playing time.

There is always the excitement of making varsity but making it and playing in actual games is different.

"I was really happy (when I made varsity) and I felt like all my extra practicing and extreme dedication had paid off," Tullis said.







*The team huddles and gets ready to break before the game starts at East.*

**Q: How do you feel about your team?**



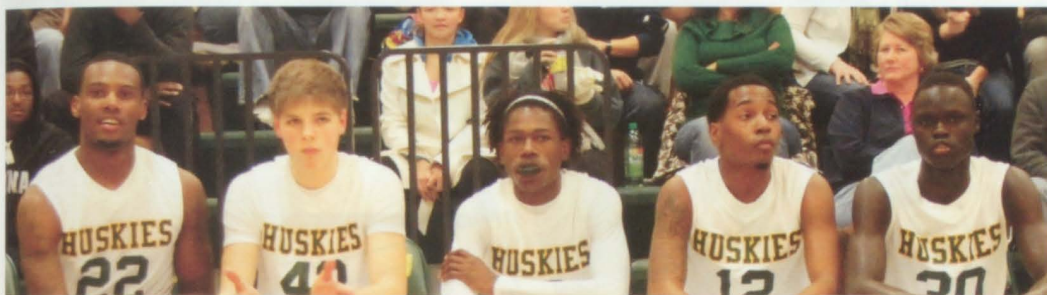
A: I feel that my team is very close, we're more of a family than a team really.

-Dwight Sistrunk

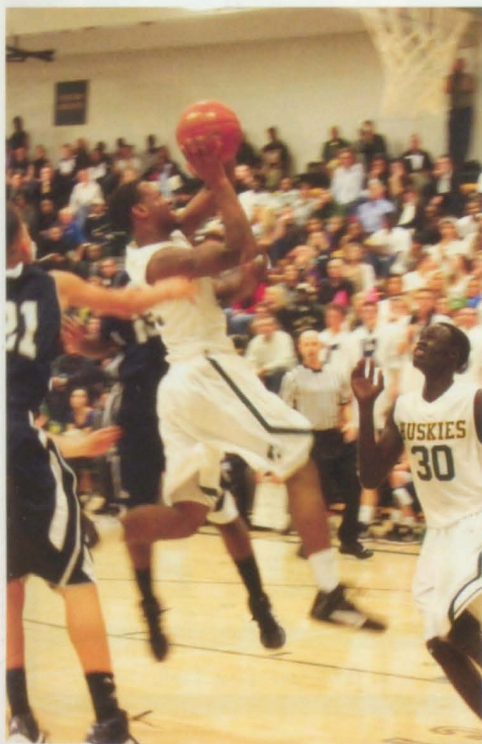


A: I love my team. We're really close and that makes the season easier to play knowing you have to be a family before you can be a team.

-Louie Ingoli



The starting five seniors Louie Ingoli, Zach Doyle, Dwight Sistrunk and Cameron Woods and junior Gatlat Toang.



Senior Louie Ingoli (left) shoots a lay-up. Senior Cameron Woods (above) gets low on defense. Freshman Chris King (right) looks for an open man to pass to.



A: I think that we make a great team, we are mostly friends and we try to make the game fun and satisfying for us instead of it just being competition.

-Gatlat Toang





# Meet the Seniors



Mckenna Brown



Takieyah Wells



Sunday Duop



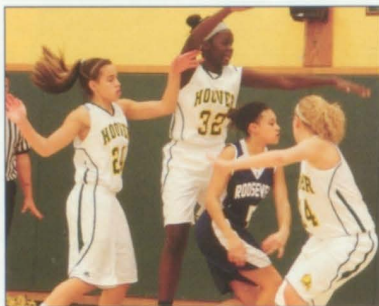
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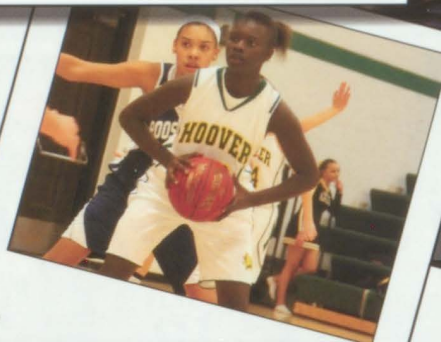
Amasha Manyfield

1) Sophomore Mikayla Larson, junior Nyakat Diew and senior Mckenna Brown play defense against Roosevelt. 2) Sophomore Malaysia Duncan dribbles on offense. 3) Senior Sunday Duop looks for an open player. 4) Junior Nyakat Diew jumps for the ball during the tip off. 5) Junior Savana Robinson blocks a shot. 6) Coaches Jason Karaidos and Mike

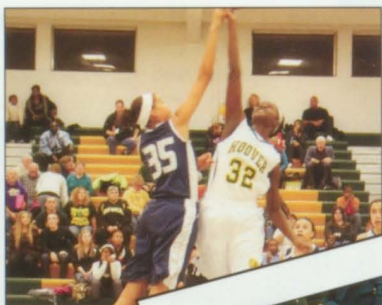
Brown talks to the players.



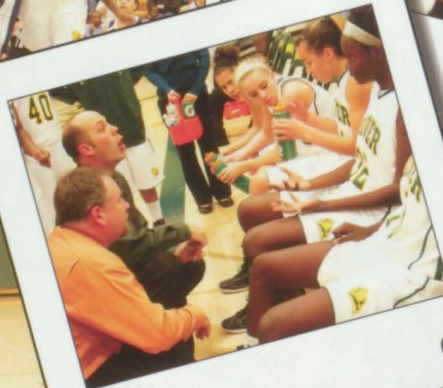
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Sophomore Mikayla Larson protects the ball from a defender.



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Sophomore Malaysia Duncan passes the ball.





# ONE Team, No Support

Girls basketball team lacks respect from school



Senior Sunday Duop walks into the first day of basketball practice and thinks to herself,

"Oh my gosh it's finally here. New coach, new balls, new home uniforms and I'm ready."

Practice usually starts with form shooting, moves to pre-game warm up drills and eventually breaks down into stations to work on the new offense. The girls practice five days a week for 2 1/2-3 hours a day. Although they put in so much time, the number of fans doesn't add up to the support they want.

Senior Jasmine Russell, a fan of both basketball teams, thinks students come to girls games with a different agenda, rather than watching the girls.

"They (the students) come to get better seats for the boy's game," Russell said.

Russell went to almost all the games last year but admits that girl's basketball doesn't interest her as much as boy's basketball. Russell, Duop, and senior McKenna Brown can all agree that the girl's record reflects the lack of fans.

"When you win, everyone wants to see it. No one wants to see you lose. It lets fans down," Russell said.

"(The students think) it's a waste of time. We haven't been good since five-six years ago," Duop said.

Even though the team is short on respect from the fans, the boy's

team doesn't seem to have the same problem.

"They (the boy's basketball team) made it to state last year and got second place. They earned their respect," Russell said.

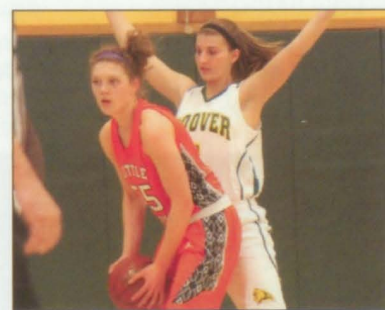
Brown thinks that even though the girls don't win as much, the students should still come support them.

"Just because we don't win doesn't mean we don't deserve heart and pride because we work just as hard," Brown said.

"It's kind of bogus to come towards the end to see boys. We both go to the same school, why not support us? It's a new year. Come to the first game before you judge us already," Duop said.

Brown feels like the student section isn't the most important part.

"We don't need a student section, we just need people to come support," Brown said.



Junior Natakia Clark plays defense.



Junior Nyakot Drew blocks a shot.



Senior Takiyah Wells slides for the loose ball.



Sophomore McKayla Larson breaks for the hoop.



# Round ONE

## Two schools working together

Hoover and North high school have been a combined wrestling team for years. Both schools are smaller and don't have many students going out for wrestling, so in order to keep it they had to combine. The majority of the wrestlers are from North. They practice at North and all the home meets are at North.

There first meet was Dec. 1 against Ames.

"I was excited for the meet and was trying to get pumped up," sophomore Austin Castillo-Leovan said.

Before the meet he listened to headphones to try to zone out everything. All of their hard work in practices hopefully will pay off against Ames. They had a successful season last year and hope for the same this year.

Their practices can be difficult, they train hard so they can do the best they can in their meets.

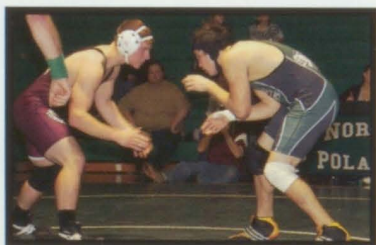
"Sometimes we lift weights and sometimes we do run-through," Burriola said.

Last year a senior wrestler from North, Brian Warren, got a chance to participate in the state championship tournaments.

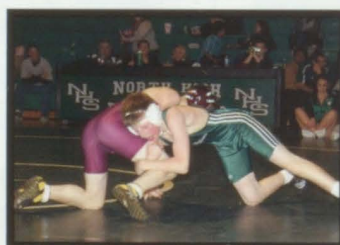
"I hope this year we get a chance to at least qualify for state," junior Josiah Burriola said.



*Junior Josiah Burriola takes down a Dowling Catholic wrestler. The meet took place at North.*



Junior Josiah Burriola gets in his stance against a Dowling Catholic wrestler.



Freshman Andrew Swessinger tries to take down his opponent. His brother Thomas Swessinger is also on the team.



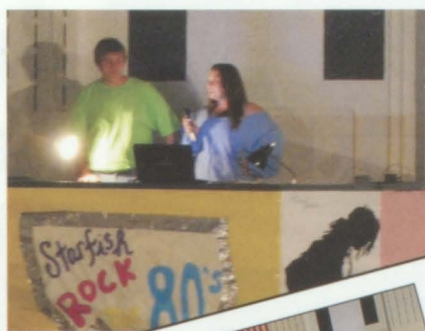
Sophomore Austin Leovan wraps his arms around his opponent from Dowling Catholic while his opponent struggles to find a way to get loose.



# Different songs, Different moves, **ONE**

## Performance

Freshmen Dominique Mullins and sophomore Nick Black (right) were the host for the synchronized swimming performance.



Synchronized swimming is a hybrid form of swimming, dance and gymnastics, consisting of swimmers performing a synchronized routine of elaborate moves in the water, accompanied by music. Synchronized swimming demands advanced water skills, and requires great strength, endurance, flexibility, grace, artistry and precise timing, as well as exceptional breath control when

performing. But they still don't let that stop them from having fun.

"The practices can get really fun sometimes, I'm around a lot of people that I get along with great," James said.

Synchronized swimming is also referred to as synchro. Synchro not only brings friends together but it also shows that they can put on a good show. This year's theme for the choreography is the 80's.

The swimmers were really getting there performance advertised by putting up signs and having announcements made for everyone to hear around the school.

"This is the most we've advertised around the school; we really cracked down this year," James said.

"I hope a lot of people come," Sophomore Taylor Williams said.

upside down underwater.

Synchronizing swimming is much more than what people think.

"A lot of people think it's just dancing in the water," junior Savannah James said.

Some of the swimmers wish that everyone knew how much work they put into

*The starfish get into the groove during the cored number*

*The starfish make cool designs in the water.*

*Sophomore Anna Burruda kicking her legs in the water.*

*Everyone in unison makes the crowd go wild.*





# Two Genders.. **ONE** Team?

Just like basketball or any other sport, the tennis team is separated by gender; but what if it weren't? During the last two years, the school has been trying to come up with a co-ed tennis team. The players have different opinions on if this should happen or not.

"I wouldn't really like a co-ed team; I love playing with girls," freshman Ellyn Sullivan said.

"I really have no problem with playing with the girls; I feel like there would be more competition," junior Cole Klever said.

The girls tennis team has really improved this season; junior Emily Chappell was voted team powerhouse by her team.

"Compared to last year, Emily I believe can take any guy or girl on the court,"

P.E. teacher and coach Carrie Harjes said.

The girls tennis team could have had a great season if many girls were passing their classes; at the end of the season only 12 girls out of 25 were eligible to play.

The boys team, on the other hand, did not have such a great season this year, even though they worked really hard.

"We practice a lot; it's a shame we couldn't get the job done," junior Grant Johnson said.

If the teams were to combine would that give them a better chance of winning more games, or would we become even worse? That is what some of the players ask themselves constantly.

"I just can't imagine our team would be with both boys and girls on it," freshman Morgan Spring said.

## The story behind it.



Freshmen Morgan Spring and Ellyn Sullivan (above) cool down after their meet. Senior Jessica Gist (left) gets ready for the meet against Ottumwa. The meet was at Hoover. Gist is the only senior on the girls team. This was her second year playing on our tennis team.

**Rena Knutson**



**Q**

Do you think we should have a Co-Ed tennis team?

**A**

No, I do not think we should have a boys and girls tennis team because one gender could possibly out power the other. Also I think our girls team would make the guys team look pretty bad.





" I think a Co-ed tennis teams would probably a little bit difficult."

Max Lindstorm

Grade 11



*Freshman Kenzie Howley and sophomore Katie Kendiegh smile for a photo.*



" I would not mind a co-ed tennis team, the more competition the better."

Matt Andworf

Grade 12



*Junior Grant Johnson cheers on his team mates.*



*Junior Harisa Swic gets ready to start a play.*



"I think it will be really cool to have a co-ed tennis team because we will all be working together to win."

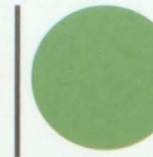
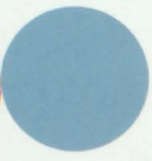
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Grade 11



*Junior Anthony Kaiser during a run-through of a game.*





# One new coach, same ol' team!



Boys express concerns on Griffith leaving and brand new coach.

Senior Samedin Sinanovic has a lot of thoughts on the new coach this year.

"I've played soccer practically my whole life, ever since I was little I was surrounded by it," Sinanovic said.

Apart from just playing his whole life, Sinanovic enjoys playing it.

"My favorite part is scoring goals and how competitive it is," Sinanovic said.

Sophomore Haris Mujkic has similar thoughts.

"It's fun," Mujkic said.

Mujkic and Sinanovic both play basketball apart from soccer.

"Soccer is harder and you run a lot more," Mujkic said.

"I think it's a challenge and it takes a while to actually get good at," Sinanovic said.

Not only do they compare basketball to soccer but the boys and girls team as well.

"Girls soccer is more slow motion," Sinanovic said.

Both Mujkic and Sinanovic have the same thought that soccer is harder for the boys.

"Boys soccer is more up tempo and more physical," Mujkic said.

Apart from it just being fun

Mujkic and Sinanovic have concerns as well.

"What if my foot breaks?" Sinanovic said.

Not only do you worry about yourself getting hurt but your teammates as well.

"It's harder playing on the field, your team moral goes down," Mujkic said.

Sinanovic agreed with Mujkic.

"It's always a man down and it hurts the team," Sinanovic said.

Plus, "There are a lot of new faces this year," Sinanovic said.

Not only are there new teammates but a new coach as well.

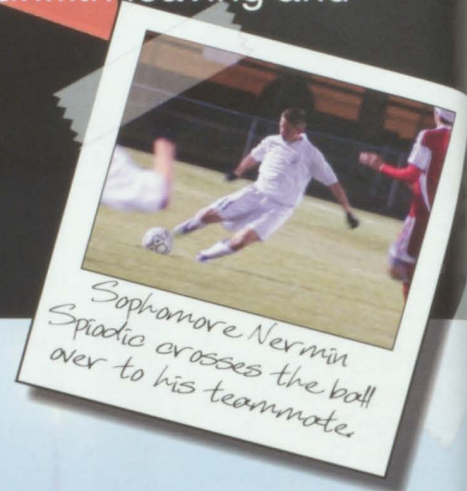
"He's stricter than Griffith," Mujkic said.

Even though he's stricter, Sinanovic still thinks that conditioning was a lot easier than it was last year.

"Soccer may be a challenge to some of the boys; if you haven't played, it's harder," Sinanovic said.

The coach may be new to other teammates but to Sinanovic it's a familiar face.

"He was my coach for awhile, but he is harder on us than Griffith," Sinanovic said.



*Sophomore Nermin Spadic crosses the ball over to his teammate.*



*Junior Colton Ruegsegger fights until the end.*





The play by play of junior Riley Mortenson kicking the ball in.

# ONE Coach Team Goal!



"Being a senior in soccer is so bitter-sweet. It sucks knowing that this is the last time I will ever play high school soccer, but its nice being at the top of the food chain," senior Brittany Wells said.

After the season they will be losing even senior starters but for sophomore Kaitlyn Mahany, who has been playing for 11 years she'll be ready to hold down the fort in the coming years.

Seemingly unknown to some of the student body, the girls soccer team has outright dominated their conference the last three years. The players don't believe that soccer is

given as much recognition as some of the other teams, but they feel they are just as qualified for the attention.

Pre-season soccer the girls start in January and they go through intense conditioning three days a week. In season they practice every day from March until June which is quite "physically challenging" as Mahany put it.

"To be a soccer player you must be good physically and mentally, physically because soccer is a tough and enduring sport and mentally because it takes mental endurance," junior Savana Robinson said.

"Try hard and stay committed,"

Wells said.

"I've experienced my proudest moment in the sub-state game my sophomore year against Johnston, that was the hardest game we played all season and we left it all on the field," Wells said.

"Always remember that with soccer anything is possible and anything can happen never give up!" Robinson said.



Sophomore Kaitlyn Mahany (top left) runs down the field. The goalie, junior Savana Robinson (top right), gets a save. Senior Amber Gaumer (above) prepares to kick the ball.



Senior Brittany Wells kicks the ball and gets around the defender.



# ONE, Two Three Strikes you're out

## Boys discuss the season's prospects

Getting a new head coach could be difficult to adjust to, but now that coach Dustin Townsend has been here for over a year, the boys are certainly adjusting quite well.

"Townsend was the new coach last year, but he knows what he's talking about. He's strict and makes us run polls if we're late or ever forgot something for a game," senior Daniel Peterson said.

Since freshman year, junior Matt Pearson has enjoyed the baseball varsity experience.

"I've put a lot of time and dedication into this program, and practices are always a good time," Pearson said.

To get noticed outside of practices, both Pearson and Peterson advise underclassman to come to winter workouts and be involved with the spring league.

"Coach will notice you more since we don't really have tryouts," Pearson said.

They're lacking in numbers this year, so the team is looking for players with experience and love for the game.

"We don't have a lot of experience this year, but we should still be pretty good," Pearson said.

Peterson agreed.

"Yeah, we should be good this year. Our coach opened up a new facility that we can all come to and workout at. So players should always be taking advantage of that," he said.

Many of the players agree that fans aren't as dedicated to baseball as other sports because it is in the summer.

"People never really come to games, except baseball moms, and they do a lot for us," Pearson said.

"I don't think we have a lot of fans because baseball is in the summer and people have better things to do, I guess," Peterson said.

Left page, counter-clockwise: Senior Matt Andorf catches the throw at second base while sophomore Ryan Hull backs up the throw. Freshman Kerigan Torres leads off. Sophomore Molly Hawks tries to make an out at third. Sophomore Benjamin Mitchell approaches junior Max Lindstrom with coach Dustin Townsend. Senior Bak'r Brown swings at a pitch. Sophomore Ben Mitchell awaits a pitch as he catches.



The softball with the after the



# At The Old Ball Game!

## Foreign Exchange Student Impacts Team

Yumeka Morimoto, 17, came to America in August after finding an exchange program. She thought American life would be interesting.

"I took a test (in English), a reading and writing test," Morimoto said.

Of the many foreign exchange students that come here, few actually engage in sports. Morimoto played softball in Japan and missed her senior year to play for Hoover.

"I want to play softball in Japan," Morimoto said.

Morimoto comes from a winning softball team in Japan. Her team won the state championship.

"We won; we were so happy!" Morimoto said.

Japanese softball is a little different than American softball. In Japan, the softball teams play for one year. In America, softball season runs for around two months. According to Morimoto, the coaching is a little different too.

"Here, coach wants to make us happy. There, the coach is just angry," Morimoto said.

Morimoto likes the softball team.

"The first time I went to softball practice, I didn't have friends but everyone talked to me. Everyone's so friendly," Morimoto said.

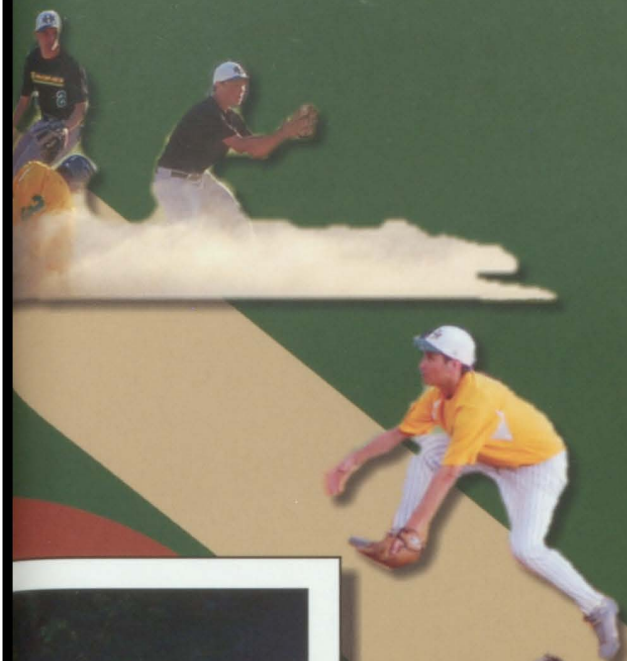
The girls from the softball team seemed to like Morimoto too.

"She fit into the team well. People accepted her right away. We understand if she doesn't understand something. Everyone's willing to help out," senior Jessica Schwarz said.

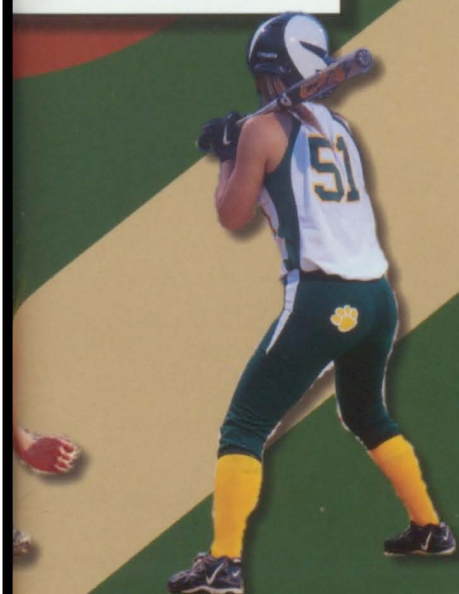
Although Morimoto likes playing softball here, she has to leave in the middle of the season June 18. Softball season ends in the middle of July.

"It sucks that she has to leave in the middle of the season. She will probably be a big asset to our team. It sucks that she won't be there for the most important part of the season, like substate and state," senior Kinsey Van Houten said.

Right page, clockwise: Senior Connor Cunningham gets down and ready to field a ground ball. Senior Breanna Rodriguez calls time out and discusses things with senior Kinsey Van Houten. Cunningham gets ready to round first base. Junior Taylor Blackford gets ready for the pitch. Sophomore Taylor Williams waits on deck for her turn to bat.



Team shakes hands opposing team game





# Hole In One

Coach sees improvement in scores which gives him hope that they will get to the top

Golf coach Jared Cochran has made a U-turn in the boys team.

"When I came to Meredith, it was one of my dream jobs," Cochran said.

Junior Tyler Gilbreath broke the record of 200 by 193, which became a motivation for Cochran and his golf team.

"We are making good progress because we are going in the right direction which is our motivator," Cochran said.

Having practice five days a week for 2 1/2 hours, Cochran wants to help them improve as much as they can to be able to get to their goal.

"Other schools might have days off, but we don't," Cochran said.

Knowing that progress is necessary before they get up on top, Cochran wants his players to enjoy playing.

"We might not win a lot, but at least we can have fun playing golf," Cochran said.

Cochran has become a role model for his golf team by motivating them that they can do better.

Gilbreath looks up to Cochran on the hopes of becoming a better player and learning as much as he can.

"He has helped a lot of us become better players," Gilbreath said.

A strong mental game and the ability to forget the bad and focus on the positive is necessary for the players to keep on doing better.

"I'm not as competitive as some of the other kids, I'm more relaxed," Gilbreath said.

Gilbreath tries putting as much time in his schedule to improve as a player by attending all practices and playing in the summer to keep up on his skills.

"Playing with some of the best golf players in the state can be difficult because I'm not completely there yet," he said.

Gilbreath encourages other students to try out for the golf team and help improve the team.

Freshman Jacob Hollister is playing on a golf team for the first time. Like Gilbreath, Hollister looks up to Cochran as a coach and tries improving and learning as much as he can each time he's at practice.

"He always says good job and always gives good advice which motivates me to do better each time," Hollister said.

Hollister stays pretty committed to the team by attending his golf practices, going to the golf range on weekends, and attending his private lessons.

"When you walk to the T-box it gets nerve-racking," Hollister said.

Hollister is competitive, but also tries to have as much fun as he can.

"Sports, that's what I live for" Hollister said.

Hollister plans on continuing to play golf for a long time and is always looking forward to becoming better at it.



Head Coach Jared Cochran takes on his first season. He sees a lot of improvement in the boys.



Junior Tyler Gilbreath sets the ball to swing the club.



Tyler Gilbreath reaches down to place the ball.



Freshman Jacob Hollister swings for his goal.



Junior John Jordan swings the club lightly.



# One Husky amidst many Roughriders

Golf isn't just a sport for some people; it's their life.

For junior Elizabeth Lockin, the only reason she would ever stop playing is if she got too busy. However, she doubts her father would ever let her get to busy for golf.

"The thing I like most about the sport, beyond the fact that I don't have to run suicides to train for it, is that you meet a lot of nice people while playing," Lockin said.

For junior Sydney Swift, she was driven to play by her friend Lockin.

"The hardest part of golf is the mental aspect. It's quite easy to get annoyed and frustrated when your shots aren't perfect.

"You have to let it go and move on; which isn't always the easiest

thing to do especially when you're sweaty and there are people watching you," Swift said.

Many players get nervous right before a game, but Swift gets butterflies like no other, especially when she plays against suburban golfers who have been playing for years. She has been playing since her sophomore year, and now that she is a junior, she is loving it.

Swift wouldn't trade it for any other sport considering the fact that she isn't very sports-minded at all.

The team is combined with the Roosevelt High School team, and they have a new coach, Jay Groth, a Roosevelt teacher.

His goal is to take the combined team all the way to the top!

*"If you watch a game; it's fun.  
If you play it; it's recreation.  
If you work at it; it's golf"*

*-comedian Bob Hope*

Junior Elizabeth Lockin sinks a putt. Lockin is on the Roosevelt golf team since Hoover and Roosevelt's teams are combined.



*Junior Elizabeth Lockin  
grabs her ball out of the  
hole.*



*Junior Elizabeth Lockin  
focuses on her putt.*



*Junior Elizabeth Lockin  
drives the ball!*



"Champions are made when no **ONE** is watching."

## -Aneurys Santos



*Junior Kevin Slaughter in mid jump.*



Junior Davonte Wiggins jumps over the hurdle on the far right.



Junior Chistopher Dejoode runs the last stretch of the track.

Senior Nicholas Johnston has been on the track team for two years now. He participates on the field as a shot put thrower, he also threw discus. Johnston went to Districts last spring.

"I plan on going to Districts again," Johnston said.

He likes shot put because he feels as if it's a test of strength.

Sophomore Artorria Jung runs the 100, 200, 400, 4x1, 4x2, and the Sprint Medley. Jung likes to sprint.

"I love to catch up to people when there in front of me," Jung said.

Jung claims she can't stay out of sports. She also plays basketball, volleyball and does summer track for Track Iowa.

Sophomore Rayvon Gray

also placed in Districts last spring. Grey placed in the hurdles, the 100, the 200, the 300, the 400, 4x1, and the 4x4. Grey also runs the 4x8, though but has never placed in it.

Former student Ontier Brown is Grey's inspiration, he (Brown) is the reason why Grey started to run track in the first place.

"I don't want to let him (Brown) down," Grey said.

Grey has been running track since he was in middle school.

Jung's inspiration is her #1 fan, her mom. Jung's mom is her inspiration because she doesn't stop screaming until both feet are over the line.

Grey and Johnston's most memorable meet was the Fort Dodge meet last Spring.



*Sophomore Rayvon Grey running at a meet in Waukee*



*Junior Reanna Lewis begins to pass another runner.*



*Sophomore Artorria Jung sprints to the finish*





# 6 lanes, ONE team, ONE goal

Sophomore Taejuane Lewis, junior Reanna Lewis and sophomores Artorria Jung, Daja Smith and Rayvon Grey (above) pose for a picture. Senior Alesia Mason (above right) runs during a meet.

It was Johnston most memorable meet because he threw the ball and it fell right in front of him, so he decided to step over the line so the counter would mark it as a scratch instead of being embarrassed.

"My most proud meet was Districts, because the team did good, and the girls were fun to watch," Grey said.

Practice this Spring is different from last year because there's a new coach, practices are only an hour long and they no longer have Saturday practices.

Grey highly dislikes this, he feels as if they won't get their running in with just an hour.

"I like it, I get to go home earlier so I can eat and do homework," Jung said.

Johnston just thinks that's way too easy.

"That gives us disadvantages, when we all know Roosevelt is practicing for like five hours Monday through Saturday; less practice equals less wins," Grey said.

"My goal is to make it to state in an individual race," Jung said.



Junior Reanna Lewis and sophomores Mikayla Larson, Daja Smith and Artorria Jung (above) hold the baton. Freshman Kaitlin Math (below) tries to do her best in a race.

Sophomore Colton Blackford doing hurdles.



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## Freshman Football

**Front row:** Coaches Danny Triplett, Chris Eckrich, Jason Karaidos, Dane Sulentic, Joe Muldoon, and Chad Elbert. **Second row:** Hunter Carver, Benjamin Hale, Keishon Eason, Jaden Wilson, Tajhmier Bolden, Kyle Erickson, J'shon Mosley and Matthew Schwarz. **Third row:** Rayshone Rushing, Brock Larsen, Nicholas Snider, Colton Preston, David Tre' Talton, Evian Akers, and Andrew Swessinger. **Back Row:** Tanner Peeler, Nathan Roby, Steven Lewis, Tyler McIntosh, James Spiker, Thomas Clark, Bryan Gonzalez and Cameron McIntosh.



## Varsity Football

**Front row:** Junior manager Megan MacRae, assistant coaches David Beyer, Danny Triplett, Chris Eckrich, head coach Will Siffin, assistant coaches Dane Sulentic, Joe Muldoon and Chad Elbert, and sophomore manager Mikayla Larson. **Second row:** Junior Colton Ruegsegger, sophomore Nathan Galloway, juniors Andrew Lovan and Matt Pearson, sophomore Ben Mitchell, senior Matt Andorf, junior Kasim Atajic, senior Dajon James, sophomore Logan Pifer, and senior Nicholas Johnston. **Third row:** Juniors Balah Rushing, Nikolas Nicholson, Jivonte Johnson and Davonte Wiggins, senior Noel Bartusek, sophomores Colton Blackford and Thomas Swessinger, seniors Gantry Wittmaier and Holden Clark, sophomore Austin Leovan and senior Armin Mesinovic. **Fourth row:** Seniors Hyrum Torres and Leandre Lee, junior Billy Little, sophomore Billie Davis, junior Josiah Burriola, sophomores Matt Foley and Terion Farley and juniors Max Lindstrom and Keven Slaughter. **Back row:** Seniors Samuel Bourland, Brennon Balentine, Daniel Peterson and Jordan Anderson, sophomore Kaelen Toliver, senior Cody Pifer, and juniors Nick Talton, Ricky Cochran, Kingsley Jewett and Christopher Dejoode.



## Boys Golf

**Front row:** Juniors Tyler Gilbreath and Dakota Allison, and freshmen David Jordan and Jacob Hollister. **Back row:** Juniors John Jordan and Sean Halverson, coach Jared Cochran, and freshman Cody Park, and junior Zachary Dickhoff.



## Freshman Volleyball

**Front row:** Samantha Kimball, Spencer Stoeber, Yazmin Roman, and Renee Elliott. **Middle row:** Jordan Christensen, Paden Sheumaker, McKenzie Hawxby, Susana Flores, and Abigail Malone. **Back row:** Ellyn Sullivan, Brandie Joy, Golda Anaal, coach Stephanie Warner, Jicela Fierro, Sabas Sanchez, and Lavender Wakhungu.





## JV Volleyball

**Front row:** Sophomore Artoria Jung, Senior Kay Meh, juniors Samantha Robinson, and Anna Ho, senior Keisha Sykes, juniors Klaw Meh, and Su Meh. **Middle row:** Junior Yumeka Morimoto, sophomore Rhaniesha Claytor, senior Edna Smith, juniors Asiajuana Hobbs-Terrell, and Shaliyah Ambrose, sophomore Daja Smith, juniors Reanna Lewis and Imani Mitchell. **Back row:** Junior Madison Jones, sophomore Martine Graves, junior Ronni Palmer, coach Melissa Brinkman, junior Elma Mahmutavic and Marquise Gwenigale, senior Shalea Cooks, and sophomore Valeria Galvan.



## Varsity Volleyball

**Front row:** Seniors Takieyah Wells, Kinsey Van Houten, Megan Bartholomew and Amber Gaumer and junior Rachel McPherson. **Middle row:** Junior Marquise Gwenigale, senior Kelley Riordan, junior Natalie Clark and seniors McKenna Brown and Jorin Augustine. **Back row:** Coach Jon Rubino, senior Sunday Duop, juniors Nina Loncarevic, Nyakat Diew and Savana Robinson and coaches Melissa Brinkman and Stephanie Warner.



## Cross Country

**Front row:** Eighth grader Loreenna Rodriguez, freshmen Bethany Swanson and Sydney Dixon, senior Breanna Rodriguez and sophomores Andrea Rider and Julie Penton. **Middle row:** Freshman Erin Atchison, sophomore Emma Miller, eighth grader Cooper Mortenson, junior Jonathan Overton, freshman Sean Good, sophomore Jessica Shields, and freshman Kaitlin Math. **Back row:** Coach John Howett, junior Kayli Flynn, sophomore Andrew Morgan, junior Owen Geiken, sophomore Benjamin Bourland, sophomore Steven Swarts, juniors Christopher Dejoode and Riley Mortenson and coach Haris Kovacevic.



## Freshman Cheerleading

**Front row:** Spencer Stoebner, Dominique Mullins, Zoe Wissler and Morgan Spring. **Back row:** McKenzie Hawxby, Ellyn Sullivan and Areanna Cortez.





## JV Cheerleading

**Front row:** Sophomores Artorria Jung, Alea Blackford and Jasmine Carter. **Back row:** Sophomores Bethany Wildt, Daja Smith and Katie Kendeigh.



## Varsity Cheerleading

**Front row:** Junior Taylor Sullivan, seniors Kinsey Van Houten, Jerrica Adair and Sierra Goodson. **Middle row:** Seniors Briana Johnson and Haley Sconiers, juniors Sydney Sconiers, Samantha Wilkerson, Oceana Moore-Harris and Rena Knutson. **Back row:** Senior Aliyah Hoskins, sophomore Savannah Onley, junior NaKeyia Harris and seniors Katie Steingrabe and Jorin Augustine.



## Boys Swimming

**Front row:** Junior Christopher Dejoode, sophomores Charles Kendeigh and Andrew Gamble and freshmen Colton Preston, Jacob Hollister and Matthew Schwarz. **Back row:** Coach Dave Lippold, Saydel student Ryan Roepsch, senior Jeff Neel, sophomore Eric Markham and freshman Corbin Faidley.



## Girls Swimming

**Front row:** Freshmen Olivia Jacobus and Emily Hestbech, sophomores Katie Kendeigh and Lexi Teel and freshmen Stephanie Murdock and Kerigan Torres. **Middle row:** Sophomore Taylor Williams, juniors Julia Henry, Erin Dungan, Eva Rehan and Viera Nguyen, sophomore Anna Burriola, freshman Morgan Spring and sophomore Kimberly Gonzalez. **Back row:** Coach Anita Leveke, seniors Abby McNichols, Olivia Boston, Kailie Liggett, Erna Mahmutovic, Mahogany Stanton, Aleksandra Vujicic and Alexandra Garrett and coach Dave Lippold.





*Synchronized Swimming*

**Front row:** Freshman Kerigan Torres, sixth grader Ava Torres, seventh grader Logan Rehan, sixth grader Aspen Mulstay, seventh graders Emma Burriola and Brezi Preston.  
**Back row:** Freshman Morgan Spring, sophomore Molly Hawks, juniors Megan McRae and Savannah James, sophomores Anna Burriola, Taylor Williams and Kimberly Gonzalez, and junior Eva Rehan.



*Boys Bowling*

**Front row:** Junior Sean Halverson, sophomore Christian Garrett, senior Saleem Mirzai, freshman Tanner Peeler and senior Alex Leiva. **Back row:** Seniors Ben Phillips and David Reirson, sophomore Ryan Hull, coach Scott Lundholm and seniors Levi Bales and Camron VanGundy.



*Girls Bowling*

**Front row:** Senior Breanna Rodriguez, junior Samantha Wilkerson, sophomore Brittany Hamilton, senior Kinsey Van Houten and juniors Heather Hodges and Cinda Sanders.  
**Back row:** Coach Kurtis Wagner, senior Alyxis Beltz, junior Nicole Bauer, sophomore Rachel Mount, senior Alexandra Garrett, freshman Areanna Cortez and coach Bob Wilkerson



*Sophomore Boys Basketball*

**Front row:** Freshmen Brock Larsen, Nicholas Snider, Tyron Carothers, and Lukas Powley. **Middle row:** Freshmen Benjamin Hale, Cameron McIntosh, Dontez Adair, Nathan Roby, Augustin Kouh and Steven Stegal. **Back row:** Freshman Luk Koat, sophomore Rayvon Gray, freshman Dejourian Thedford, coach Kirk Stevens, sophomore Terreance Jennings, freshmen Keenan Jackson and Cody Park.





Varsity Boys Basketball

**Front row:** Freshman Khallid Edwards, senior Omar Lamar, freshman Alijah Thomas, senior Cameron Woods, freshman Christopher King, senior Dwight Sistrunk and sophomore Korie Daughtery. **Back row:** Freshman Rakim Tullis, sophomore Malachi Canada, senior Jordan Provost, junior Dorian Houston-Evans, senior Zachary Doyle, junior Gatlat Toang and senior Louie Ingoli.



Freshman Girls Basketball

**Front row:** Mariam Deng, Zoe Seiler, Skai Haygood, Nibrar Abdalla, Alexis Larson and Spencer Stoeber. **Back row:** Erin Atchison, Madeline Neal, Leyla Fagory, coach Will Siffin, Emily Hestbech, Dasharay Epting, Brandie Joy.



JV Girls Basketball

**Front row:** Sophomore Artorria Jung, freshman Alexis Larson, sophomore Daja Smith, freshman Madeline Neal, junior Reanna Lewis, freshman Zoe Seiler and senior Amasha Manyfield. **Back row:** Huda Fagory, juniors Nina Loncarevic and NaKeyia Harris, coach Jim Petersen, freshman Emily Hestbech, sophomore Martine Graves and freshman Brandie Joy.



Varsity Girls Basketball

**Front row:** Senior Amasha Manyfield, sophomore Artorria Jung, senior Shyle Floyd, sophomore Malaysia Duncan and senior Takieyah Wells. **Middle row:** Senior manager Kahdejia Love, senior McKenna Brown, juniors Natalie Clark and Savana Robinson, sophomore Mikayla Larson and junior manager Rachel McPherson. **Back row:** Senior Sunday Duop, assistant coaches Will Siffin and Jim Petersen, head coach Jason Karaidos, assistant coach Mike Brown, athletic trainer Troy Kleese and junior Nyakat Diew.





JV Girls Soccer

**Front row:** Junior Klaw Meh, sophomore Jasmine Carter, junior Veronica Orellana, freshmen Spencer Stoebner, Bethany Swanson, sophomore Michelle Lopez and freshman Samantha Kimball. **Middle row:** Junior manager Christian Garrett, freshman Maddie Neal, senior Edna Smith, sophomore Hannah Buscher, junior Riley Mortenson, freshmen Zoe Seiler, Emily Hestbech, sophomore Huda Fagory, freshman Brandie Joy and sophomore manager Steve Swarts. **Back row:** junior Su Meh, senior Alexandra Garrett, sophomore Jessica Shields, coach Amanda Young, junior Kacy Murray, freshmen Remi Smith and Erin Atchison and Htwe Ngan.



Varsity Girls Soccer

**Front row:** Freshmen Spencer Stoebner, Zoe Seiler and Jordan Christensen, senior Laura Hollister, junior Randi McGregor and seniors Brittany Wells and Melissa Hollister. **Middle row:** Sophomore manager Hannah Buscher, seniors Amber Gaumer and Jorin Augustine, junior Riley Mortenson, sophomore Kaitlyn Mahany, junior Savana Robinson, sophomore Ashley Baily, junior Kacy Murray, freshman Maddie Neal and sophomore manager Bethany Wildt. **Back row:** Coach Jon Rubino, freshmen Paden Sheumaker and Erin Atchison, junior Samantha Wilkerson, seniors Jenna Wilson and Alyxis Beltz and coaches Hali Dolder and Amanda Young.



Varsity Boys Soccer

**Front row:** Freshman Hau TomBing, senior Toe Toe, sophomores Lal Puia and Jeremiah Ziaty, sophomore Nermin Spidic and sophomore manager Lexi Teel. **Middle row:** Freshman Samed Devedzic, sophomore Nicolas Orrante, junior Colton Ruegsegger, sophomore Haris Miftari, senior Saleem Mirzai, juniors Quar Leh and Habumukiza Elam, sophomore Lal Liana, Edis Miftari. **Back row:** Coach Matt Kennedy, sophomores Haris Mujkic, Sanel Dzinic, Osman Bajric, senior Samedin Sinanovic, juniors Admir Mujkic, Tyler Gilbreath, sophomore Almedin Plavulj and coach Patrick Mansheim.



Boys Tennis

**Front row:** Junior Cameron Jacobus, senior Matt Andorf and freshmen Nicholas Snider and Matthew Schwarz. **Back row:** Juniors Grant Johnson, Anthony Kaiser, Max Lindstrom, Owen Geiken and Josh Joy and coach Jay Imhoff.





## Girls Tennis

**Front row:** Freshman Morgan Spring, sophomore Mu Si, juniors Klaw Meh, and Rena Knutson, senior Jessica Gist, sophomore Katie Kendeigh and freshman May Joy. **Back row:** Coach Carrie Harjes, juniors Emily Chappell, Harisa Suvic and Dzana Memic, freshman Ellyn Sullivan, juniors Ana Tristan and Mu Girl Lay, sophomore Swe Win, junior Kristina Ryan, freshmen Olivia Jacobus, Kenzie Hawxby and Gan Na, and coach Adam Puderbaugh.



## Boys Track

**Front row:** Freshmen Keishon Eason, Colton Preston, Taejuane Lewis-Douglas, juniors Matt Pearson, Lynn Lewis and Davonte Wiggins, J'shon Mosley. **Back row:** Coaches Haris Kovacevic, Lukas Bolander, junior Kevin Slaughter, Eric Markham, juniors Avery Jackson and Chris DeJoode, sophomore Ben Bourland and coach Haywood Boston.



## Girls Track

**Front row:** Sophomores Samara VanWinkle and Artorria Jung, freshman Lexi Larson, senior Aliesa Mason, juniors Reanna Lewis, Kashina Miller, Oshaya Brown and Tyneicia Wells, freshman Kaitlyn Math and sophomore Emma Miller. **Back row:** Coaches Haris Kovacevic and Dane Sulentic, junior Yumeka Morimoto, senior Olivia Boston, juniors Patty Mendez and Nina Loncarevic, sophomores Martine Graves and Mikayla Larson, junior Kayli Flynn and Coach Michael Brown.



## Freshman Baseball

**Front row:** Freshman Aurteamus Crow, eighth grader Patrick Sullivan, freshmen Kyle Erickson, Benjamin Hale and eighth grader Andre Wadsworth. **Back row:** Coach Chris Eckrich, freshman Andrew Battani, eighth graders Shane Perry and Noah Peterson, freshmen Andrew Swessinger, Lukas Powley, Nicholas Snider, eighth graders Zach Earles and Matt Shields, freshmen Nathan Roby and Jaden Wilson and coach Aaron Strom.





## Sophomore Baseball

**Front row:** Freshman Matt Schwarz, eighth grader Nate Rider, freshman Nicholas Snider, freshman David Talton, eighth graders Patrick Sullivan and Matt Shields. **Middle row:** Sophomore Billie Davis, freshman Brock Larson, sophomore Thomas Swessinger, freshman Colton Preston, freshman Lukas Powley, sophomores Colton Blackford, Logan Pifer and Nathan Galloway. **Back row:** Coach Brian Omeara, freshman Alec Nahas, sophomore Ryan Hull, Austin Nelsen, sophomore Matt Foley, sophomore Bryan Morrissey, coach Chris Eckridge, sophomores Ben Bourland, Dominic Ogden and Jacob Higgins, freshman Nathan Roby and coach Aaron Strom.



## Varsity Baseball

**Front row:** Freshman Jalen Horton, juniors Ricky Cochran and Matt Pearson, sophomores Aaron Sims and Ben Mitchell and juniors Chris Dejoode and Matt Pudans. **Back row:** Juniors Billy Little and Collin Kelso, senior Cody Pifer, junior Grant Johnson, seniors Daniel Peterson, Jordan Provost, Bakr Brown and Connor Cunningham and junior Max Lindstrom.



## JV Softball

**Front row:** Freshman Kerigan Torres, sophomore Taylor Williams, freshman Zoe Wissler, eighth grader Briana Hale and freshman Dominique Mullins. **Back row:** Coaches Marty Van Houten and Karie Van Houten, eighth grader Olivia Evans, junior Ann Strom, sophomore Molly Hawks, freshman Lexi Larson, sophomores Alex Brown and Rachel Mount, juniors Abby Callaghan and Yumeka Morimoto, sophomore Tiondra O'Connell and coach Kurt Brookhart.



## Varsity Softball

**Front row:** Junior Natalie Clark, seniors Kinsey Van Houten, Shyle Floyd and Breanna Rodriguez and junior Taylor Blackford. **Back row:** Coaches Marty Van Houten and Karie Van Houten, freshman Kerigan Torres, junior Ann Strom, sophomore Molly Hawks, freshman Lexi Larson, sophomores Alex Brown and Rachel Mount, juniors Abby Callaghan and Yumeka Morimoto and coach Kurt Brookhart.







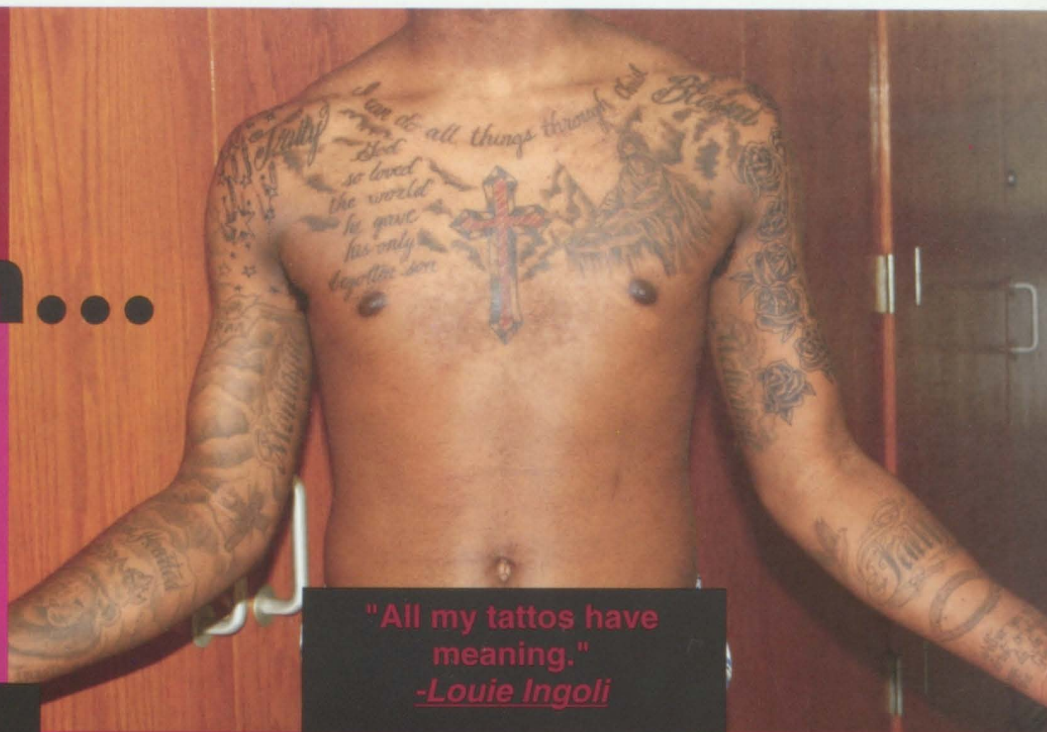




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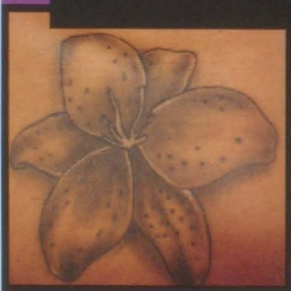
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-Brooke Mericle



"All my tattoos have meaning."  
-Louie Ingoli



The Humming Bird: "Keep your head up"  
-Shari Cason



"It's for my mom, so she can always be with me. The Phil 4:13 is a scripture in the Bible"  
- K. Love



"The Chinese writing says cherish"  
-Sierra Goodson





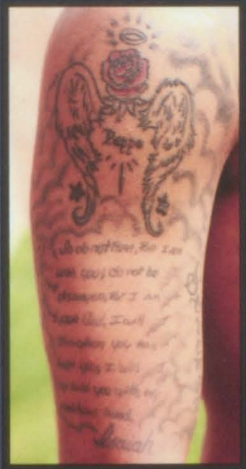
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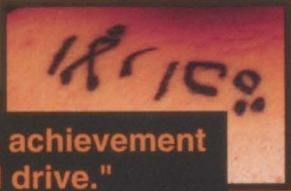
Family: "It actually means what it says."  
-Cameron Woods



"I really don't have a reason for getting my tattoos, but I know I'm not done."  
-Ian Waseskuk

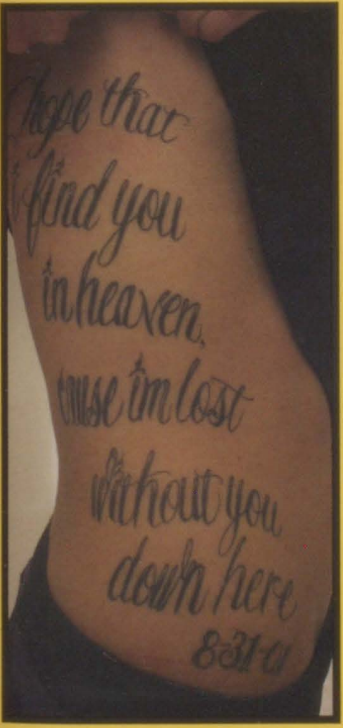


Her Brother: "I hope I find you in Heaven, because I'm lost without you down here"  
-Alyxis Beltz

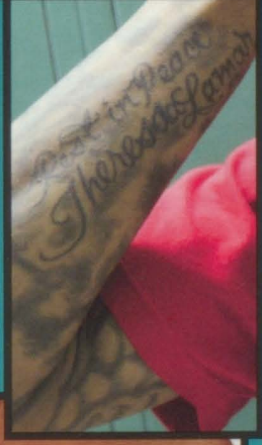


"It means achievement and drive."  
-Brittney Reed

James: "I got it because it's my middle name, and the four stars are for everyone in my family."  
-Omar Lamar



Happines: "I got it because my sisters and I got Japanese symbols."  
-Haley Sconiers







The Prom court poses for a picture

# ONE Last Dance

Seniors concerned with drama that takes place on Prom night

Both seniors Jerica Adair and Alyxis Beltz have a lot of thoughts on upcoming Prom.

"I think it's expensive," Adair said, "but it's definitely something to go all out for. Your senior year is coming to an end, go above and beyond!"

Beltz has similar thoughts.

"I'm most excited to hang out with all my friends and especially post Prom," she said

Adair is super excited to wear her dress.

"I'm excited just to be with my 'real friends'," Adair said.

They both enjoy Prom all together but there are some key things they love most.

"Food! Chocolate-covered strawberries are my favorite!" Beltz said.

"My favorite is the process of getting ready," Adair said.

Prom may be exciting, but there are some flaws as well.

"Finding your date and the people you want to go with is the hardest," Adair said.

"I think putting on

my dress is the hardest part about getting ready for prom," Beltz said.

But some things do go on that may ruin the night.

"A bunch of drama does go on which is unnecessary, like who's paying for what and who you want in a group. You have to be committed, it all depends on who is real and who is fake," Adair said.

Beltz has similar thoughts on the drama that takes place.

"They just want attention," Beltz said, "but everyone just wants to go and have some fun."

The price to go to Prom can be an issue for many people as well.

"The one thing I would change would be the price; I wish it would cost less," Beltz said.

Adair agreed.

"All the things you need to purchase to get ready, but it is worth it," Adair said.

Both Adair and Beltz have advice.

"Choose your group carefully and make sure it's who you want and someone you will have fun with," Adair said.

"Don't stress out! It's not that big of a deal," Beltz said.

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Students enjoy their time dancing and chatting with friends



Seniors gather around for food time!



Students getting warmed up for the CHA-CHA dance.







"Don't stress  
about it, it's not  
that big of a deal."



*Think you're paying too  
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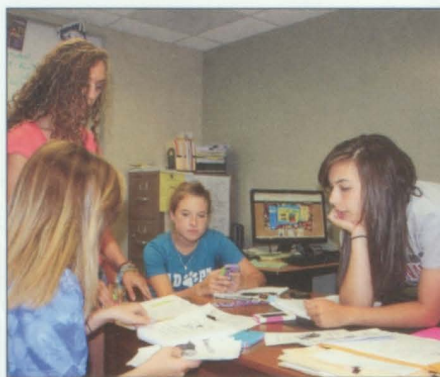
**Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your Prom King and  
Queen.**







Senior board members meet in vice principal Jamie Badger's office.



Senior board members Melissa Hollister, Aliyah Hoskins, Laura Hollister and Jorin Augustine discuss the agenda for Prom.



Aliyah Hoskins stays organized by writing plans for senior breakfast on the board.

# ONE Senior Class, FOUR Girls!

Seniors Laura Hollister and Jorin Augustine agreed on one thing: Senior Board was great to be involved in.

Hollister liked the fact that members could make the decisions.

"After planning Prom, it was a great accomplishment knowing that you can do that," she said.

The girls would change one thing about Senior Board and that would be to be able to be nominated in the fall to be able raise more money a lot more quickly and be able to buy the supplies they need in an instant.

Senior Board also helped Hollister stay focused. The hardest part about Senior Board was trying to make everyone happy.

"I wanted the senior class to feel like they had a say in their Prom," Augustine said.

Besides being in charge of planning dances, Student Council and Senior board don't really compare.

"Student Council is a lot busier than we are and their activities are for the whole school. I can't even imagine how much planning that takes," Augustine said.

The members of Senior Board tried hard to make Prom awesome, and would have hated to ruin that memory for someone.

"If I could change one thing it would be the impression students have about Senior Board: we are not miracle workers and there is only so much we can do.

"If you don't like it and you didn't volunteer to do it, then you can't say anything about it," Hollister said.



Melissa and Laura Hollister think and talk things over during a meeting.



Jorin Augustine, Laura Hollister, Aliyah Hoskins, Melissa Hollister pose for a picture.



Aliyah Hoskins typing plans on the computer.



# ONE

## Important Breakfast After Four Years!

Thoughts on the student's past years ...



Seniors Olivia Boston, Joemine Russell and Alyxis Beltz enjoy their breakfasts.



Seniors Bao Nguyen and Brooke Mericle pose for a picture during the awards ceremony.



Seniors Laura Hollister, Jorin Augustine, Kinsey Van Houten, Melissa Hollister, Atiyah Hoskins and Katie Steingrobe enjoy their time at the breakfast.

**"You don't go to high school to find your husband, you go to high school to find your bridesmaids."**

**-Anonymous**

For the senior breakfast May 25, the seniors ate pancakes and socialized with their classmates one final time before graduation. Senior awards, voted on by the seniors, were also distributed, and graduation rehearsal for the ceremony May 29 follows.

Both seniors Aleksandra Vujicic and Erna Mahmutovic are excited to graduate.

"It has been a long but fun four years, and I am ready for college," Vujicic said.

"I am excited to start something different and to be done with the routine of high school," Mahmutovic said.

Both seniors also agreed that the breakfast was beneficial and that they would know what they had to do at the actual graduation.

Vujicic is one of the valedictorians this year.

"The only thing that I am nervous about is the speech I have to give. I'm not nervous about actually walking across that stage," Vujicic said.

Mahmutovic looks at it a little differently.

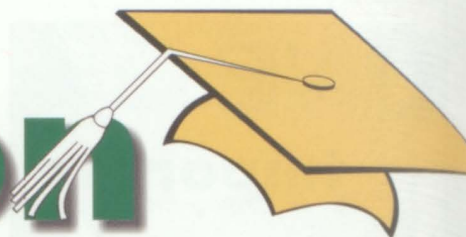
"(I'm a little nervous about) starting to figure things out on my own," she said.





# Graduation

## The **ONE** thing we work for.



Senior year is the year many students look forward to, the year where they get more freedom, yet more responsibility.

One mistake can affect their chances of graduating, so many work hard and try to avoid senioritis.

Seniors over came so many challenges this year, from deciding on a Prom dress to writing an essay for AP Lit.

None of that mattered May

29 as seniors became alumni.

"This class is absolutely remarkable, with over \$1.3 million in scholarship funds," principal Doug Wheeler said.

Senior Aleksandra Vujicic spoke that night, detailing her family struggles and how they wanted her to have a great education.

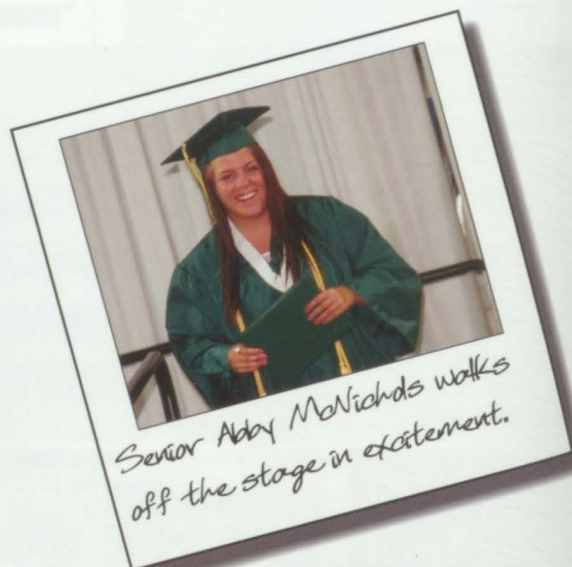
"My parents moved to America because of me; they wanted me to have a great life," Vujicic said.

The Knapp Center at Drake University was filled with parents and family members, screaming at the top of their lungs, and the seniors could not help but to hear them.

"If it weren't for them (my parents), I wouldn't be the Husky I am today," Vujicic said.



*Senior Sierra Goodson receives her diploma.*



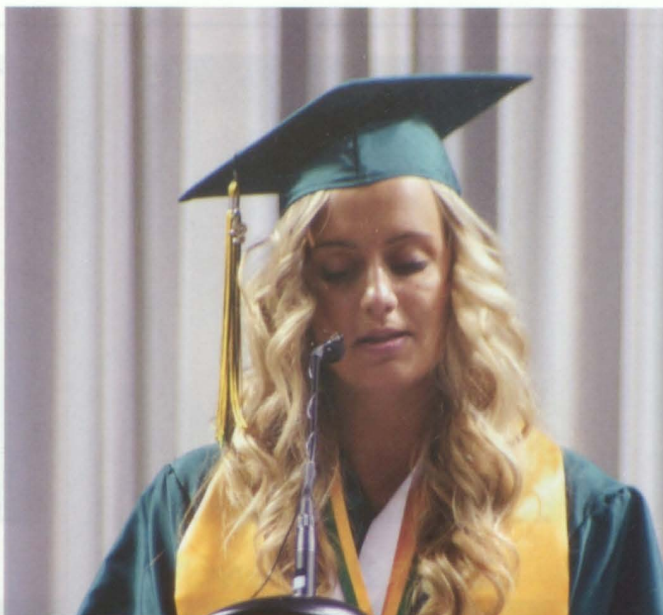
*Senior Abby McNichols walks off the stage in excitement.*



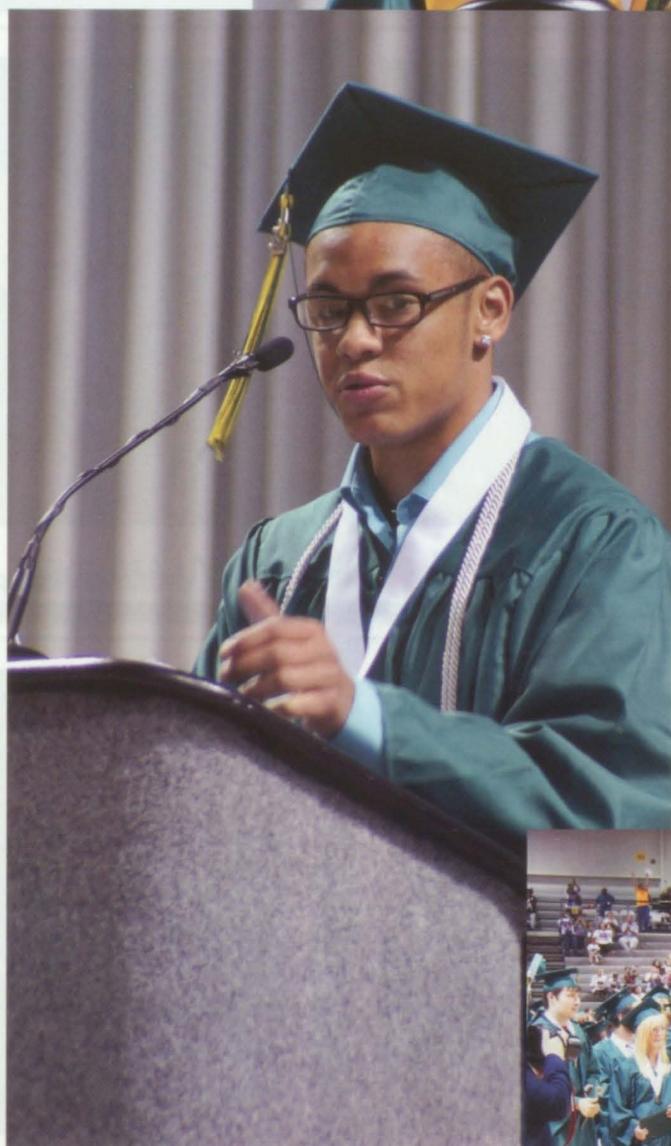
The graduating class (above) stands and prepares to move their tassels. Senior Briana Johnson (right) smiles with excitement.



The pictures to the left are of students who were in the top three percent of their class. Class speaker Aleksandra Vujcic (right) was also in the top three percent.



Senior Alex Leiva Gives GEAR-UP advisor Billy Kirby a hug in excitement.



Senior Cassidy Heitz (right) smiles and receives her diploma.



The 2012 graduation speakers, Aleksandra Vujcic (Top) and Nicolas Clark (above).



Top to bottom: Jorin Augustine, Holden Clark, Amber Gaumer, Aliyah Hoskins, Merisa Lengeling, Erna Mahmutovic, Jeff Neel and Kinsey Van Houten





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Jerrica Adair



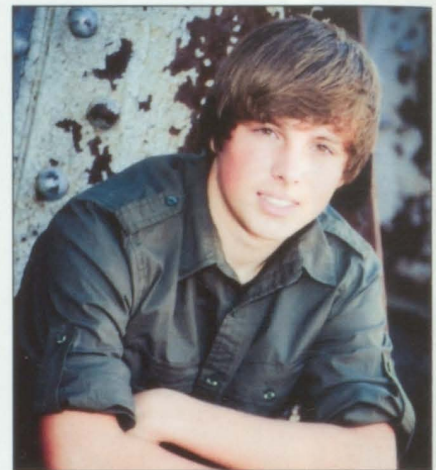
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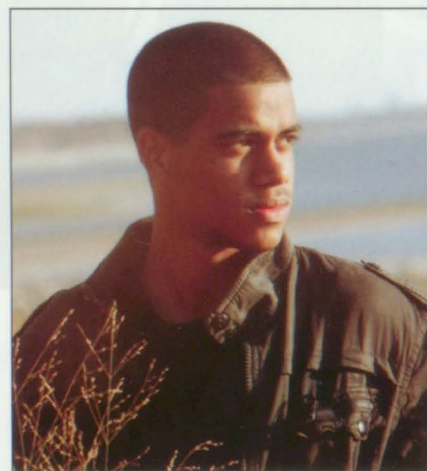
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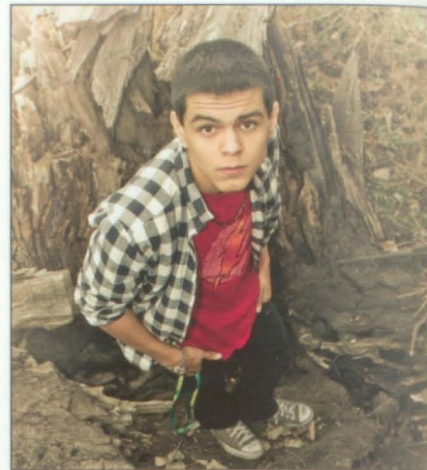




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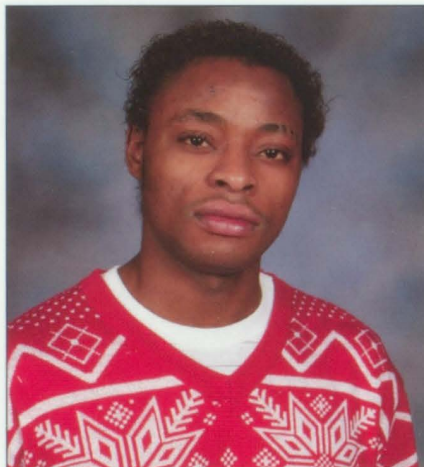
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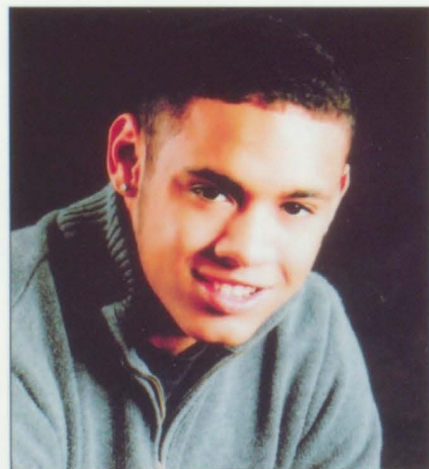
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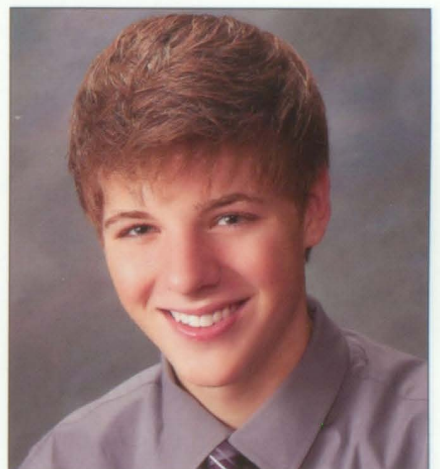
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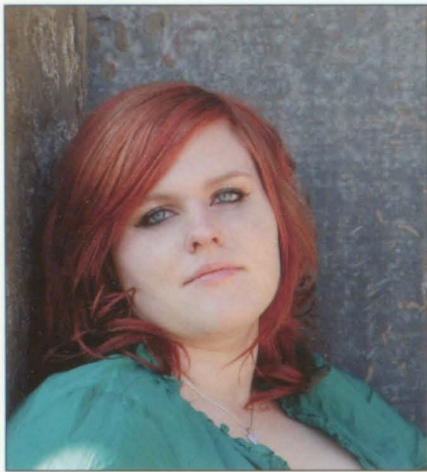


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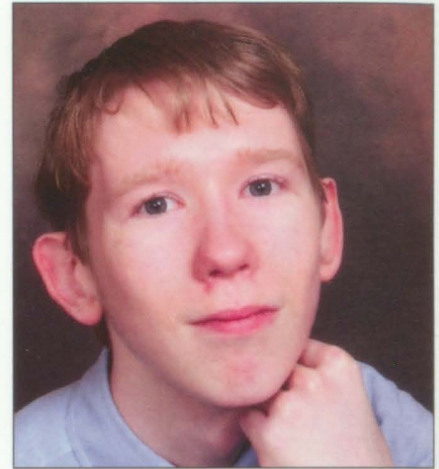
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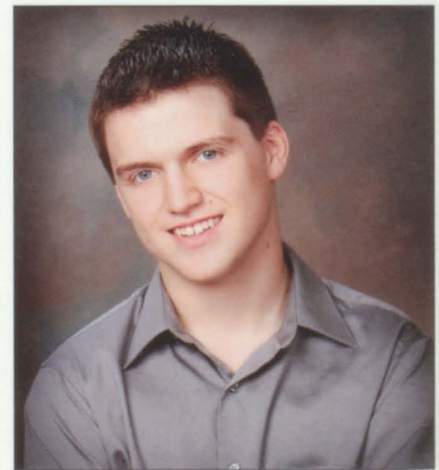
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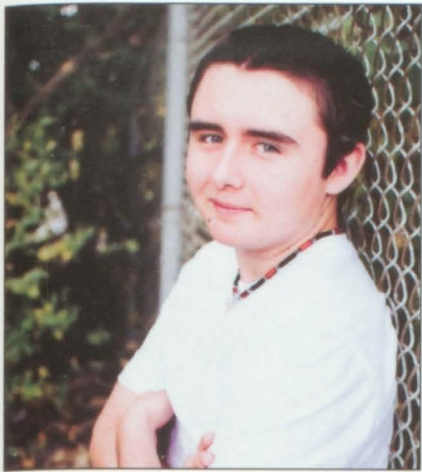


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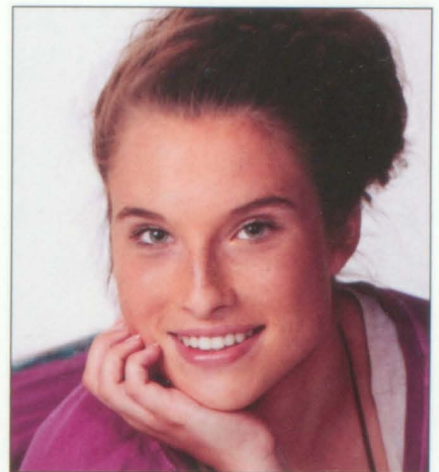




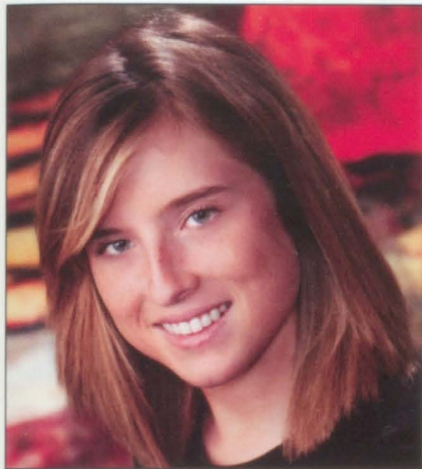
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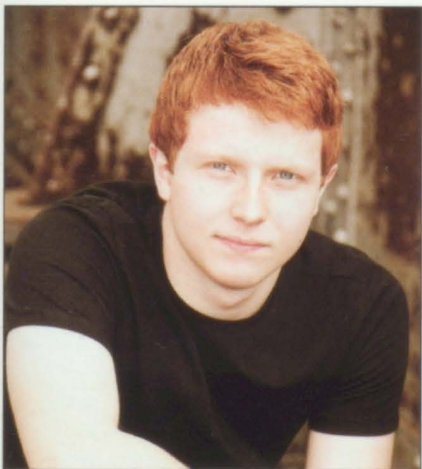
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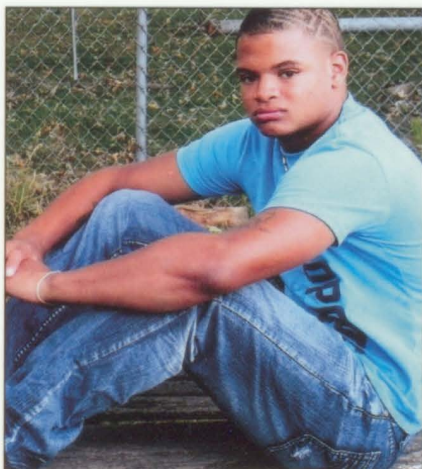
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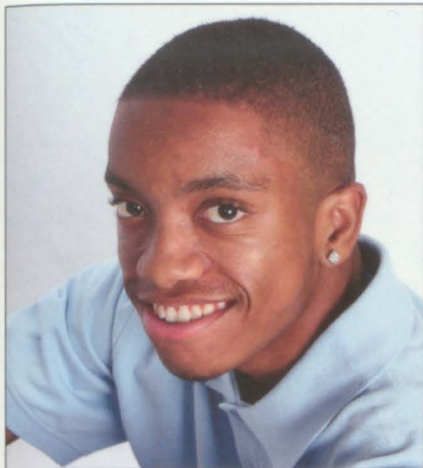


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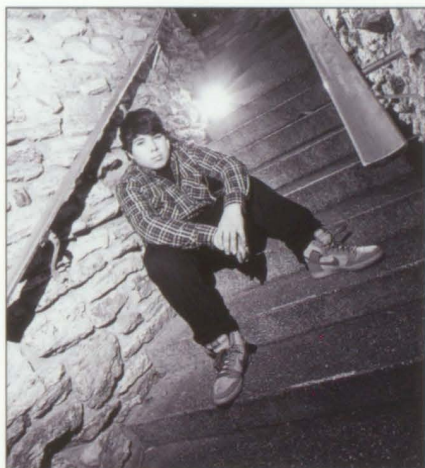
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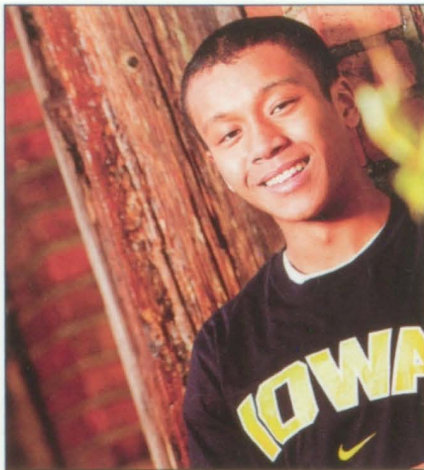


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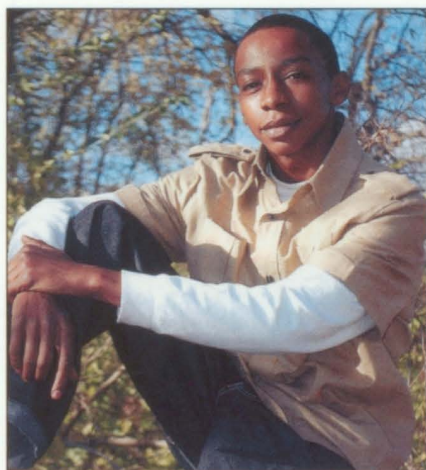
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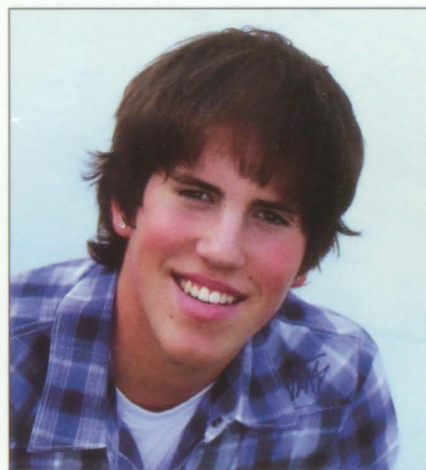
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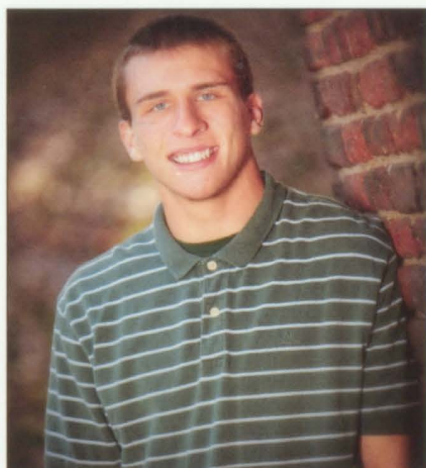
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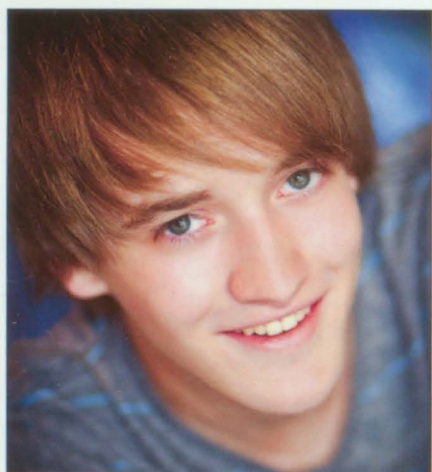
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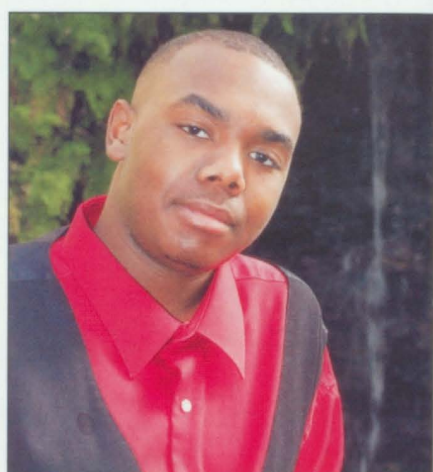
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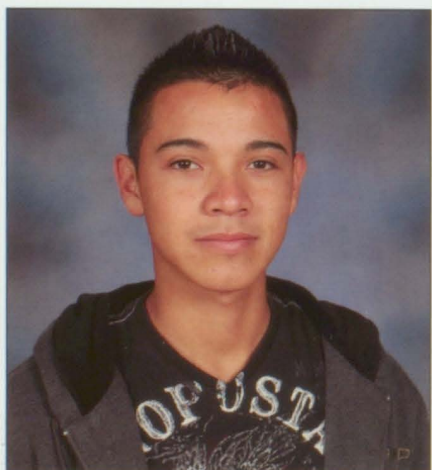
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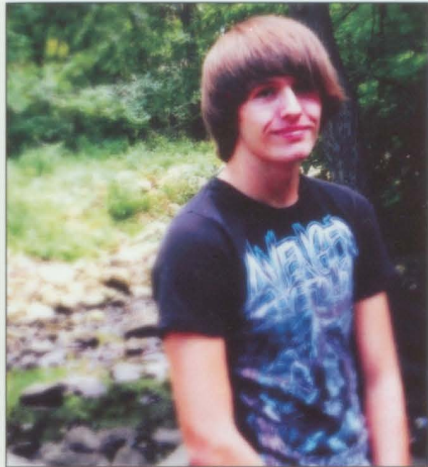
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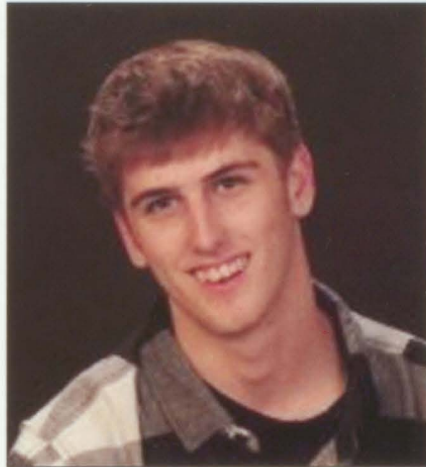
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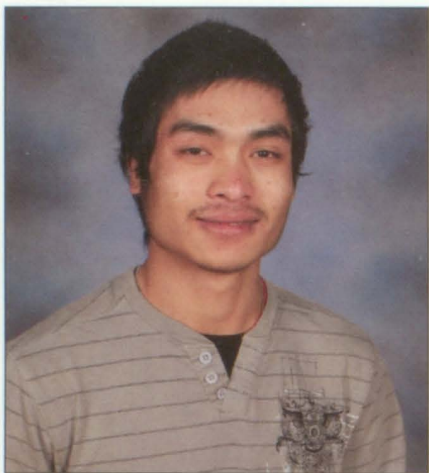


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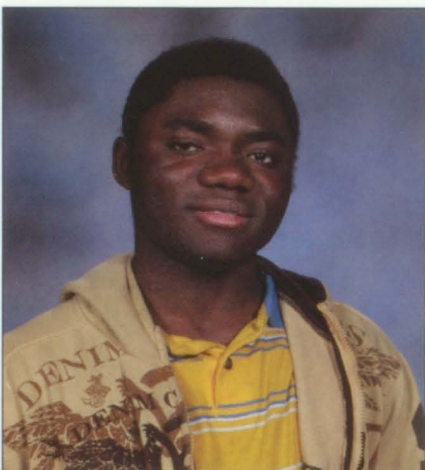
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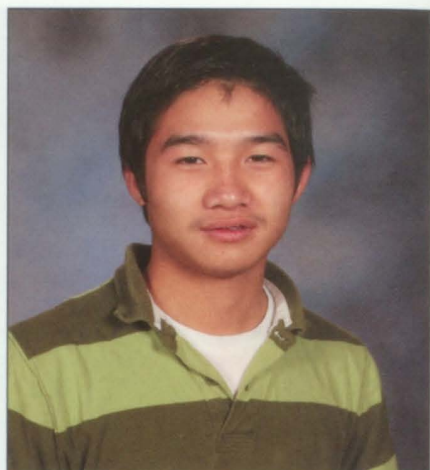
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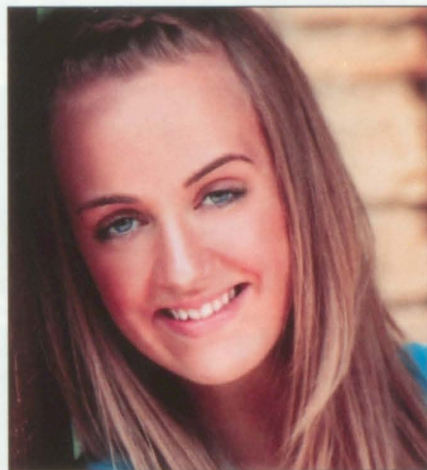
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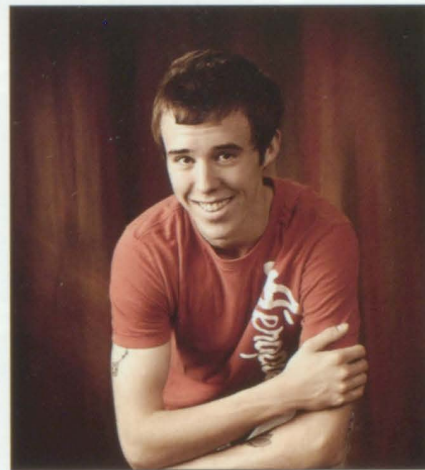
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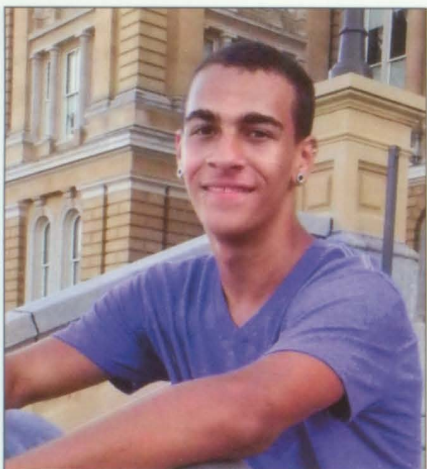
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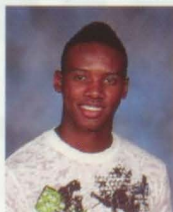
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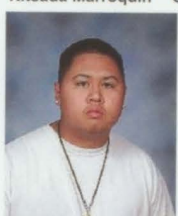
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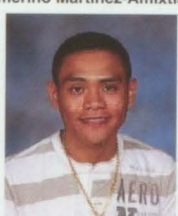
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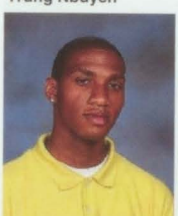
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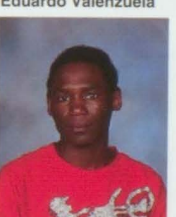
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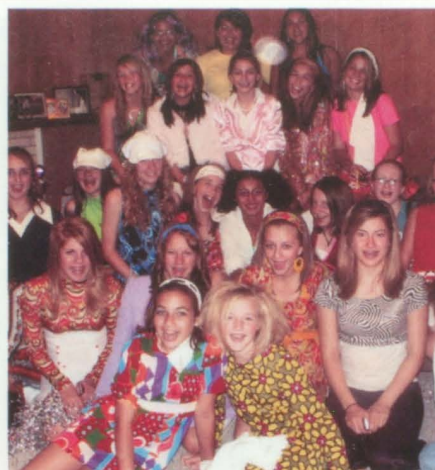
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## Jorin Augustine

YeeHaw, Jorin! Congrats to our favorite girl. Oh the places you'll go! We are so proud of you.  
Love you bunches - Dad, Mom & Carter



## Holden Clark

Holden,  
You were born a "superhero". You grew up a "superhero". You are graduating a "superhero". We are the lucky ones. Never change from the young man you have turned out to be. You can do whatever you put your mind to. Love, Mom, Dad & Casey



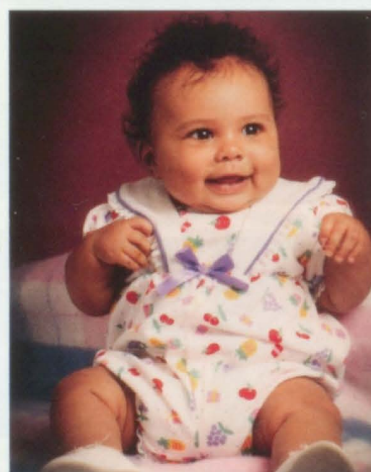
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Amber,  
You have accomplished so much in your high school years, it's hard to believe it is almost over. We know your college years will be the same. Hopefully, you can stand ramen noodles for a few more years! We love you, Mom & Dad



## Libby Dawes

Libby,  
You have been a joy from the beginning- loving, inquisitive, funny, and smart. It's been a pleasure to watch you grow and mature. You have become a beautiful and wonderful young woman and we know that this is just the start of the great things that you'll accomplish in your life. Our love and best wishes always. Love, Mom, Dad and Jake



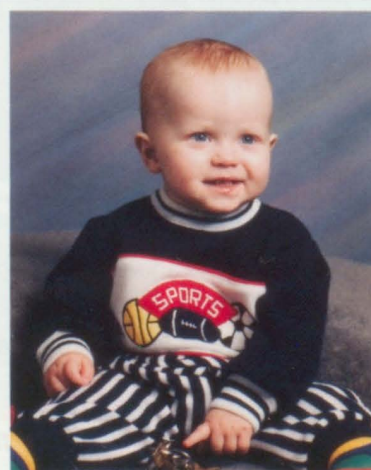
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Sierra, You are my baby and you always will be no matter how old you get. I am so proud of the woman you have grown to be. You are strong, focused and determined to succeed in life so never let anyone or anything get in your way. I love you Sierra and will always be here for you no matter how old you get (:  
-Love Mom



## Kelly DeJoode

Kelly  
Congratulations on getting through your high school years. Some of your chosen roads have been happy and fun. Some have been a little rocky but through it all you come out shining. Keep up the good work and you will go far in life. We love you always. Love your awesome family



## Jay Jacobson

Jay, We are so proud of you! It has been such fun watching you grow into the amazing young man that you are. It makes us so happy to see the way that you have always been a leader, not a follower, and have never been afraid to work hard, and achieve your goals. Life has big things in store for you. Dream big and we know that you will have great success in the future. We love you very much and can't wait to see what comes next. Congratulations!  
Love Mom, Dad, Jen, Steph, Jeff & Bryon



## Melissa and Laura Hollister

Melissa and Laura-  
May all of your dreams come  
true,  
we are very proud of you.

Dad, Mom, Jake



## Katelyn Jessen

Katelyn,

Congratulations! We are so  
proud of you! Mom & Dad



## Erna Mahmutovic

Erna, We can't believe that  
eighteen years has already  
passed by. You have grown  
into a smart, caring, and  
beautiful young woman. We  
are so proud of you and wish  
you the best in the beginning of  
a new chapter of your life. We  
love you so much.  
-Mom, Dad, Elma



## Kahdejia Love

K. Love, you have been there  
through everything and you are  
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people I know. I know you will  
make something big of  
yourself. I will miss you so  
much. Stay real!  
Love Always, Imani



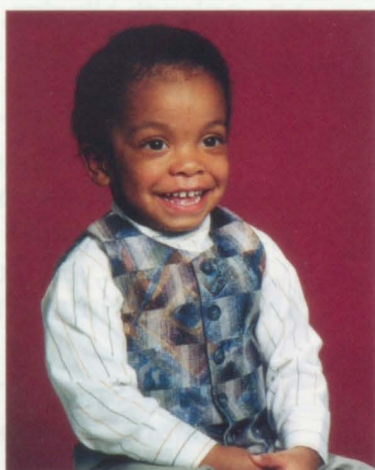
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From an unyielding infant,  
toddler, and grade school child  
to a young adult that found a  
way to channel his spirt into a  
good student, outstanding  
athlete, and respected son.  
Your future is bright. I am  
proud of you. With Love, Mom



## Omar Lamar

OMAR- You are full of life and  
bring me great joy! You make  
me laugh with your sense of  
humor and melt my heart with  
your beautiful smile! And when  
necessary, you demand peace  
when troubles arise. I thank  
god for choosing you to be my  
son! Always take God with you  
where ever you go, & and you  
shall live a full life! I love  
you... Mom



## Dwight Sistrunk

Dwight I'm proud of the  
phenomenal young man you have  
grown to be. I'm excited for you  
and the direction you're heading.  
No one said parenting was easy but  
man you make it comfortabe and  
rewarding. "I can be changed by  
what happens to me. I refuse to be  
reduced by it." Maya Angelou.  
Always put god first, and  
remember "In a world where you  
can be anything, be yourself."  
Love Mom







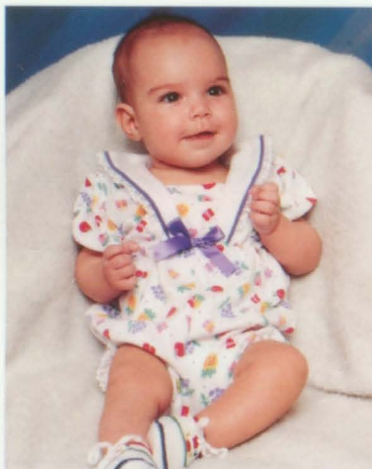
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You've come a long way baby - just look at you now! You are our pride and joy forever. Love, Dad and Mom



Kinsey Van Houten

Kinsey, Congratulations on your graduation and all your accomplishments. You have always worked very hard and given everything your best. Your high school career has been one to be very proud of, just like we are so proud of you. We wish you the best of luck in everything you do! We love you! Mom, Dad and Kylie



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My daughter with eyes so brown; you want to spread your wings and soar high, My daughter with eyes so brown, Let our love be the strength you need to fly! LUB- Mom and Danni

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